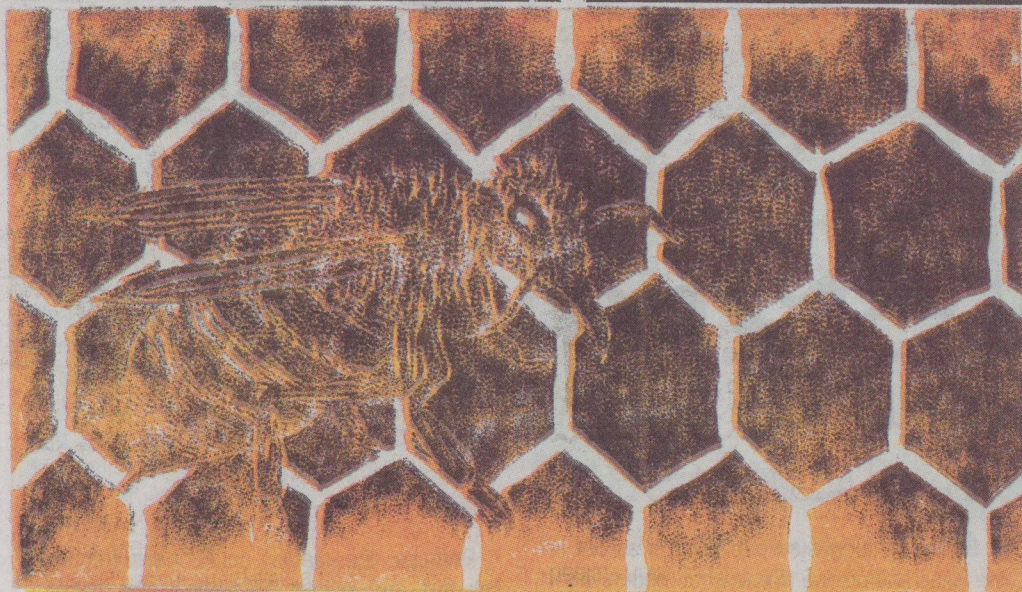


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AGAINST COAL, IN DEFENSE OF FORESTS

By Elke, Berlin

My eyes follow the smooth structure of the branch up towards the blue of the sky and meet brilliant endless fresh green whispering. For a few moments there is no sound, a peaceful calm. And then I see one arm of this old beech tree reaching out and wrapping around a branch of the neighboring beech, the two branches melted together in a neverending tender kiss. Growing in two different directions yet nurturing and supporting each other, building stability

together. My human words can only try to describe what my eyes see and my heart senses all around. As this beech tree stands there in its own reality, and history, it is rooting down into the time of the earth where no humans existed.

In September of 2018, I along with two other *Slingshot* collective members were visiting the Hambacher Forest occupation in Germany. Two weeks later, the Anti Coal Movement

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Much ado is made of the "Slingshot miracle", the phenomenon where friends or strangers unexpectedly show up to help with layout right when we need them. This issue, what felt miraculous wasn't the collective push to get layout work done — even though that was great — but that we were able to gather enough worthwhile articles to make an issue.

The high point of production was possibly the moment when two collective members, one of whom had just arrived in Berkeley visiting from Brazil, used a trash can to draw a perfect circle for their page (judge the results for yourself on page 19). Later on we enjoyed groundscored pizza.

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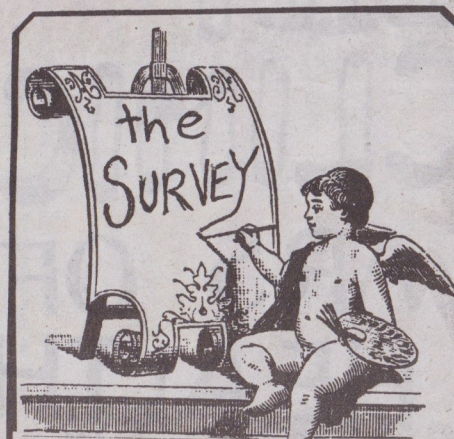
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Slingshot New Volunteer Meeting

Volunteers interested in getting involved with *Slingshot* can come to the new volunteer meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 7 pm at the Long Haul in Berkeley (see below.)

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In an uprising, everyone takes up the tools they have access to, and for better or worse *Slingshot* collective finds itself with this zine. On the plus side, we have excellent grassroots distribution, some fans, and funding isn't a problem. It is obvious that there are better publications and doing an all-volunteer collective project imposes limitations. Revolt is messy — so is the *Slingshot* office.

a word about the cover

Cover art is by Talia: Over the past year in the backyard of my communal building, one of us planted a garden: Nasturtium, which produce spicy yet fresh-tasting orange flowers; Rosemary; Iris; Tulsi Basil, another delicious-smelling and tasting plant, great for making tea; Parsley, plus two varieties of scented Geraniums, and a million little succulents. Then, the landlord cut down all of the Nasturtiums. No one realized how the flowering weeds were influencing all the other plants; much of the garden wilted. But then I noticed a new weed growing. Small wild

tomatoes were growing! Over six months, the plant sprawled across the brick yard, curling up to bicycles and dropping sweet, red fruits all around. So I sent a note to the landlord, "You mess with this tomato plant, and there'll be hell to pay!"

Please consider: when you're gardening, weeds can be as beneficial or more so than ornamental plants. Look up: "Guerilla Gardening". You can transform a simple, abandoned plot of dirt into a flourishing wonderland!

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Criminalizing the Heart

and the brutal logic of border enforcement

by cev

There has been some publicity in the main stream press about the desperate plight of migrants crossing into the US from Mexico but much of it has been drowned out by discussions of "the wall". These migrants have been increasingly funneled into the Arizona desert as the budget for ICE and the Border Patrol has ballooned and the safer routes north have become militarized. Many people crossing the vast Arizona desert become separated from the groups they're traveling with, scattered by the border patrol or abandoned by their coyote guides. Without

food and water and a clear idea of where they're heading many of these people are condemned to die of exposure. The exact number of deaths is unknown but somewhere between 6000 and 10,000 people have died crossing the US/Mexico border in the last 25 years with the annual rate rising sharply under the harsher enforcement policies of Presidents Bush, Obama and Trump.

Several community organizations have tried to do something to challenge government policy, most notably No More Deaths. Based in Tucson, No More Deaths supplies food,

water and medical attention to migrants lost in the desert and seeks to draw public attention to the plight of migrants and the abuses of the US border patrol.

On 1/17/19, 4 activists with No More Deaths were found guilty in federal court on multiple charges including entering a national wildlife refuge area without a permit and littering on public lands. The litter cited are the jugs of water and cans of beans that No More Deaths leave in the desert to aid those who are lost and have become hungry, thirsty and disoriented. These 4 activists are awaiting

their sentencing hearing and are facing up to a year in prison along with steep fines. More trials for NMD activists are coming this spring as the government seeks to silence any opposition to it's homicidal policies at the border.

No More Deaths is in desperate need of financial and moral support as it fights to exposed the crimes of the US government and to awaken the conscience of the American people.

You can learn more and find out how to get involved at <http://nomoredeaths.org>

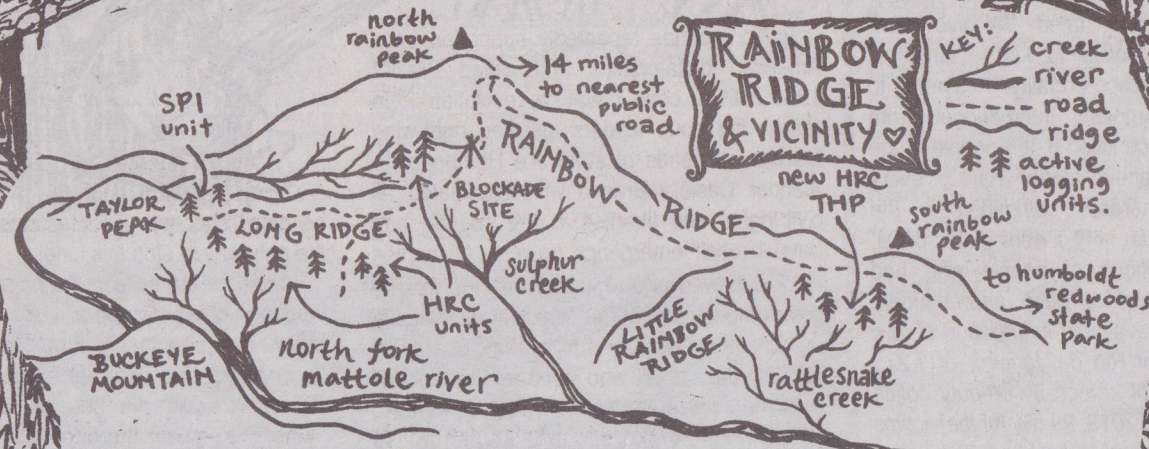


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New flagging demarcating timber harvest zones was spotted recently at the south end of Rainbow Ridge, around the Rattlesnake Creek tributary of the Mattole. A timber harvest plan has yet to be filed for this area, but the flagged area is huge and includes ancient trees and beautiful springs.

The 2019 logging season promises to be

Last Spring, Slingshot published an article about the 20-year-strong campaign to defend beautiful old growth mixed forest in

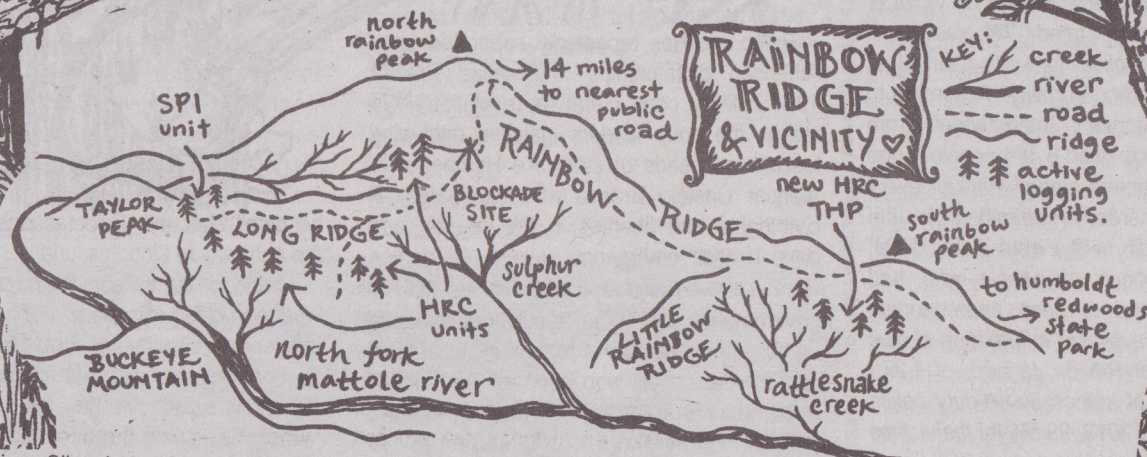
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FOREST

by Olea



Last Spring, Slingshot published an article about the 20-year-strong campaign to defend beautiful old growth mixed forest in the Mattle watershed. The Mattle is a wild, undammed river running through steep, seismically active terrain on Northern California's Lost Coast. Its forests capture coastal fog and rain, a vital lifeline to protected Coast Redwood groves that lie just to the east. At the headwaters of the North Fork of the Mattle lies Rainbow Ridge, home to endangered Pacific fisher, Coho salmon, golden eagle, Northern spotted owl, rare medicinal Agarikon mushroom, and thousands of acres of unlogged forest owned by Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC). For years, forest defenders have used non-violent direct action tactics -- road blockades, tree sits, and getting in the way on the ground -- to hinder logging operations on Rainbow Ridge. Due to resistance, HRC backed out of two thirds of their logging plans in 2016, but 275 acres remain on the chopping block.

In the late Spring, an outpouring of public opposition caused HRC to cancel a proposed road that would have cut right through a fragile meadow and a grove of old growth bay trees (see Slingshot #127). On summer

solstice, Mattle defenders raised a huge tripod blocking the only road into Long Ridge, cutting off access to the active timber harvest units. The tripod was up for one month before HRC hired private security company Lear Asset Management to raid the blockade in July. Military-style contractors moved in early in the morning, brandishing tasers and tackling and arresting two blockaders. They shook lifelines and spent nights blasting music and training spotlights on a blockader hanging high in the air. In the midst of this, another defender was able to sneak past security undetected to bring support. After four days of harassment, the CEO of HRC ordered their security to catch and detain all forest defenders. One person was caught and arrested while another was able to escape. The blockade was dismantled, and security kept a constant presence on the ridge for the next four months. An outpouring of public support followed the raid, including protests at the company gate and offices, and later a week of action. During an action where protestors blocked traffic at HRC's mill in Scotia, a logging truck rammed through a banner being held by protestors, barely

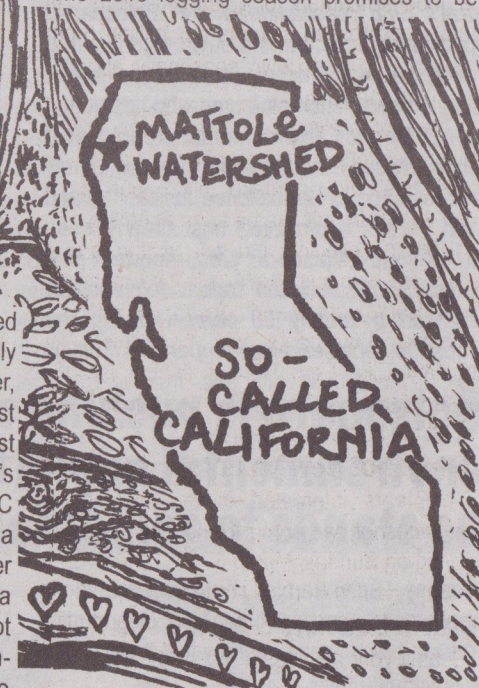
missing several people. Supporters expected the worst -- for HRC to start work immediately once they dismantled the blockade. However, shortly after the raid, the nonprofit Lost Coast League (LCL) filed a grievance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) that certifies HRC's lumber as "sustainable", triggering an FSC audit. HRC is concerned with maintaining a "green" image because FSC-certified lumber garners a higher price, and they are under a great deal of pressure from FSC, Home Depot (a major client of theirs), and local groups including LCL. HRC didn't log on Rainbow Ridge for the rest of 2018. The company is currently at least 8 years behind schedule on their harvest plans due to resistance. To date, HRC hasn't pressed charges against any of the arrestees. Direct action PLUS public pressure gets the goods!

Much of Rainbow Ridge is under HRC ownership, but a few parcels belong to timber giant Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI). Though focused on HRC, the blockade had also been keeping SPI from accessing their units. However, in November, SPI started work on Long Ridge, clear cutting 20 acres of a 40

efforts to turn Rainbow into a monocrop Douglas Fir plantation. Forest defenders continue to survey the area, monitoring company activity and scouting for unknown patches of old growth.

New flagging demarcating timber harvest zones was spotted recently at the south end of Rainbow Ridge, around the Rattlesnake Creek tributary of the Mattle. A timber harvest plan has yet to be filed for this area, but the flagged area is huge and includes ancient trees and beautiful springs.

The 2019 logging season promises to be



hectic. Because one of HRC's active timber harvest plans is set to expire this September, the company will surely want to get work done. The precedent they set last summer of employing private security only ups the ante. The forest defense season will kick off with a skillshare and action preparedness camp March 16-20 in the Mattle watershed. Come to camp to learn and connect, or even to stay -- individuals and groups are needed to come hike, climb, survey, and scout.

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BRAZIL TAKES

Brazil's president vows to rip up amazonian indigenous reserves, enable police violence, and silence minorities

By A. Goldstein

Just hours after assuming office on January 1st 2019, Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil's new president, signed an executive order stripping the indigenous affairs agency, Funai, of its powers to manage indigenous lands. The order transferred these responsibilities to the Agricultural Ministry with the intention of giving the ministry free reign to clear cut the precious Amazon rainforest to expand already massive, unsustainable cattle ranches and the logging and mining industries. Reports have already surfaced this January of outsiders invading Uru-eu-wau-wau Indigenous Land in Rondônia and loggers encroaching on Arara Indigenous Land in Pará. During his

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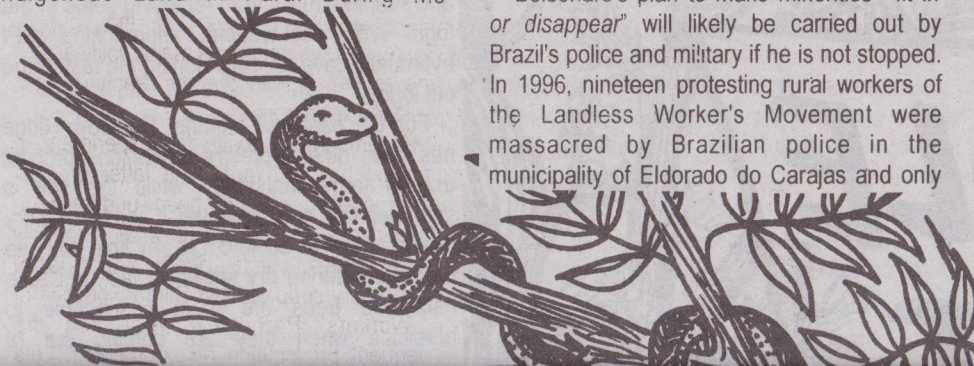
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Of course, the working class is another central target of Bolsonaro's administration. On January 3rd, Bolsonaro made economic proposals to privatize twelve airports, (and eventually 44) four seaports, and Eletrobras, a major utilities provider, of which 52% is currently owned by the government. Eletrobras provides 69% of Brazil's electricity and privatization would likely cause many lower-income individuals to lose power. On the 3rd, Bolsonaro also announced plans to cut pensions, slash the minimum wage to \$260 per month, and cut taxes for the rich.

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Bolsonaro's advisers, such as Oswaldo Ferreira have told the press he plans to complete and expand nuclear and hydroelectric power plants in the Amazon, which have already devastated the ecosystem and displaced thousands of indigenous peoples. Specifically, they pledged his administration would complete the Angra 3 nuclear power station and the giant Belo Monte hydro dam on the Xingú river, which has displaced the Kayapo people.⁴ By

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April 2015 only **one** resulted in prosecution by the Public Prosecution service. Police essentially *already* have carte blanche to kill in Brazil but Bolsonaro's unapologetic support of such human rights violations could only embolden these already out-of-control racist, classist agents of the state.

Bolsonaro hasn't just targeted indigenous people in his rhetoric. He has also called Haitian, African, and Middle Eastern refugees in Brazil "the scum of humanity" who ought to be dealt with "by the army."⁸ He has called black activists "animals" who "should go back to the zoo." He has called for the criminalization of Islam and African religions, as he believes they are in conflict with the "national faith" and serve as an "open door to terrorists". He is a strong supporter of the



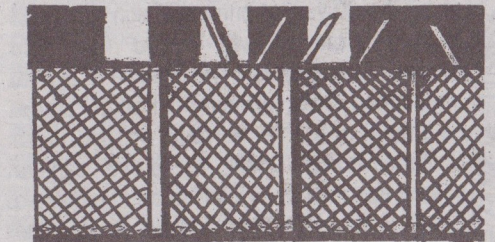
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The world is on fire and creatures like Bolsonaro ask for more gasoline. Coastal cities are flooding, pollution is killing millions, our food and water are being poisoned by various industries, refugees are being bombed or forgotten, and Bolsonaro wants more of the same. What is wrong with humanity that we elect such putrid parasites? Why do demagogues like Trump, Marie Le Pen¹⁸, Theresa May, Viktor Orban, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Geert Wilders, Nigel Farage, Netanyahu, and Bolsonaro seem to fool more and more people? Especially in a country like Brazil wherein the previous four presidents were members of the "workers party," including former Marxist guerilla Dilma Rousseff, it makes little sense. (However, even under Rousseff, "anti-terrorism" were passed that curtailed freedom of speech, assembly, and protest.) Why can't humanity see the people in power are the problem, not

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larger problems of global capitalism and the state. Ending Bolsonaro would only cure a symptom. Capitalism and state must be attacked and that can be done by attacking extractive industries in Brazil. Logging, mining, and hydroelectric infrastructure and equipment there can be sabotaged, along with palm oil plantations and unsustainable, massive cattle ranches that only exist because large swaths of forests have been clear cut. And hopefully the rest of humankind can learn from indigenous peoples and adopt their far more sustainable ways of living in harmony with nature before it's too late.

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A STEP BACK

the big picture of the far right victory in Brazil and why progressives everywhere should pay attention

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The election of former army captain Jair Bolsonaro to the presidency of Brazil with 55% of the vote is a watershed moment for politics in Latin America with ramifications that extend far beyond it. What is at stake in the right-winger's victory is what political formulas will prove successful in the post-2008 world and whether any horizon of liberation will be left standing if the increasing convergence of far-right politics and the radicalized neoliberal agenda favored by the capitalist classes grows more widely into a full symbiosis, as it did in the Brazilian case.

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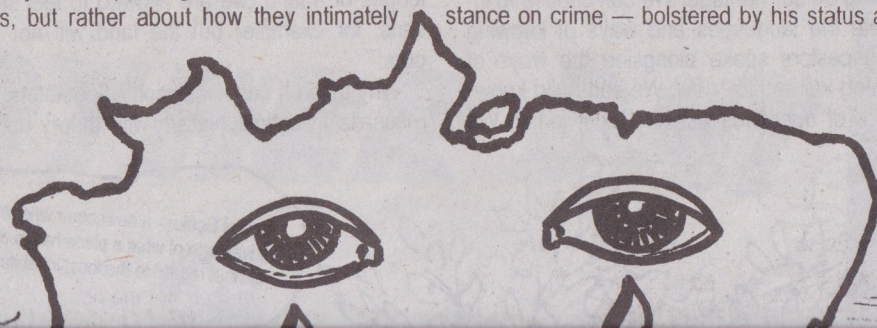
Until recently, Latin America represented a consistent glimmer of hope that another way of doing politics was indeed possible. That its progressive governments were riddled with contradictions, perhaps nowhere more than in Brazil, is something I will return to below. With Bolsonaro, however, the region decisively followed suit in the broader trend that has seen progressive alternatives crushed and bigoted politics tolerated as long as neoliberal orthodoxy remains in place. That, after a quarter-century of struggle for social justice, the region is again the stage for a right-wing experiment is highly significant. Seen from below, globalization is not about working people in different countries taking each other's jobs or 'pushing down each other's wages, but rather about how they intimately

losers outside the elites. The successful forging of a 'bottom-up' identification between the country's struggling middle-classes and its ruling elites was perhaps Bolsonaro's greatest feat.

The key to this was hypocritically blaming the economic crisis the country has faced in the last few years on the corruption scandals of the Workers' Party administration, on the one hand, and on 'excessive state intervention', on the other. This paved the way for a return to an agenda of neoliberal reform and privatizations embodied in Bolsonaro's Chicago-trained Minister of the Economy, Paulo Guedes. While other candidates offered a similar return to neoliberal orthodoxy, Bolsonaro was the only one capable of garnering mass support through a hard-line stance on crime — bolstered by his status as

watershed for politics in the region and the US-led efforts to prevent the Cuban Revolution from igniting a turn towards socialism in its 'backyard'. It is no coincidence that Bolsonaro is a product of the civil and military regime that ruled Brazil until 1984 and which he refuses to call a dictatorship. During the campaign, Bolsonaro has in fact gone on record claiming he wanted to restore the country to what it was 'forty or fifty years ago'. In 1968 the Brazilian dictatorship suspended all remaining civil and political freedoms and stepped up the bloody repression of the opposition and insurgents. He has also repeatedly paid homage to one of the dictatorship's most notorious torturers. Bolsonaro's victory, much like the coup in 1964, represents not only a major political shift in the region, but another far-reaching Latin American experiment.

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The more fundamental question remains, however, why the most moderate of the 'Pink Wave' governments, which never fully broke with neoliberalism and refrained from implementing any structural reforms that could address the country's major social inequalities was precisely the one to end in a 'soft coup' and be succeeded by a far-right politician. In this respect there are close parallels to the fate of the Obama presidency. Lula's election was, for Brazil, just as momentous as Obama's. A former union-leader with roots in the country's impoverished Northeastern region was swept into office with tremendous popular support in 2002.

Yet, the expectations of profound change that his election raised were never truly met; the government's desire to reassure foreign investors and local elites never allowed more than timid redistributive measures. These were, nevertheless, already enough to draw fierce opposition from the oligarchy and the media under its control. Lula will be remembered by the policy shift that marked the end of his first term in office, soon after an initial round of corruption scandals hit the Workers' Party and put his reelection at risk. The shift comprised a state-led investment



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from below to the neoliberal status quo the world over and Brazil was no exception. Whether they were movements for democracy and social justice in countries long ruled by authoritarian regimes such as Egypt, the square occupations they inspired or a resurgent women's movement, the crisis years have seen constant eruptions from a mass reservoir of popular unrest. In fact, the possibilities raised by these revolts are the key to understand both the aggressive right-wing resurgence that has now scored a major victory in Latin America, as well as how



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The same was true for Brazil, but Bolsonaro's camp had to build a broader basis of support to win the popular vote. In a country ranking among the world's worst in the concentration of income, wealth and land-ownership this demanded convincing the middle classes and even better-off segments of the working population that social justice — whether it translates to addressing racial, gender or class inequalities — generates

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and deregulation arose in the 1990s, leading to the election of a series of progressive governments in the following decade, the so-called 'Pink Wave'. Few of these center-left governments still stand, but Brazil is no doubt a central piece in the reversal of the political fate of the region.

Beyond its continental dimensions and place amongst the ten largest economies in the world, Brazil's political developments have always carried broader significance. The overthrow of progressive president João Goulart in 1964, while not the first CIA-backed military coup in Latin America, was a major

however, why the most moderate of the 'Pink Wave' governments, which never fully broke with neoliberalism and refrained from implementing any structural reforms that could address the country's major social inequalities was precisely the one to end in a 'soft coup' and be succeeded by a far-right politician. In this respect there are close parallels to the fate of the Obama presidency. Lula's election was, for Brazil, just as momentous as Obama's. A former union-leader with roots in the country's impoverished Northeastern region was swept into office with tremendous popular support in 2002.

Yet, the expectations of profound change that his election raised were never truly met: the government's desire to reassure foreign investors and local elites never allowed more than timid redistributive measures. These were, nevertheless, already enough to draw fierce opposition from the oligarchy and the media under its control. Lula will be remembered by the policy shift that marked the end of his first term in office, soon after an initial round of corruption scandals hit the Workers' Party and put his reelection at risk. The shift comprised a state-led investment

program, the massive expansion of credit and moderate rises to the minimum-wage which contributed to a cycle of growth — aided by the 'commodity boom' — between 2007 and 2012 and very high levels of government popularity.

Lula chose Dilma Rousseff as his successor, hoping the middle classes would identify with her image of a tough but efficient public administrator. Dilma Rousseff's election again combined a highly symbolic character — not only the first woman president, but a former guerrilla-fighter — with the refusal to

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THE ECOLOGY OF DECOLONIZATION

(Re)weaving Lands and Cultures

By Muck

Decolonization is means and end: to take on its labor is to trace the plait of us and our lands, following our becoming with our environments. Colonization unthreads our art into its image. In decolonizing, we must know from how we are woven how to (re)weave, how we create ecological arts through land and culture, how we live our stories and histories. To decolonize is to overcome our anxieties of alienation and authenticity, aid our peer decolonizers, and oust the colonizers from our lands and minds. To decolonize is to (re)form land culture, our knowledges and heritages as they arise from our lands. While I use my own Filipino heritage as an example, we are to weave decolonized ecologies everywhere, from Unist'ot'en to L'eau est la vie and outwards.

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expelling Energy Transfer Partners from gulf Louisiana where the pipeline will pollute the waters of both poor black folk, settlers, and the United Houma Nation. It's hard to argue against the anticolonial character of such an action, but what relationship with land should we as non-colonizing settlers of indigenous lands choose to foster? What are we to do?

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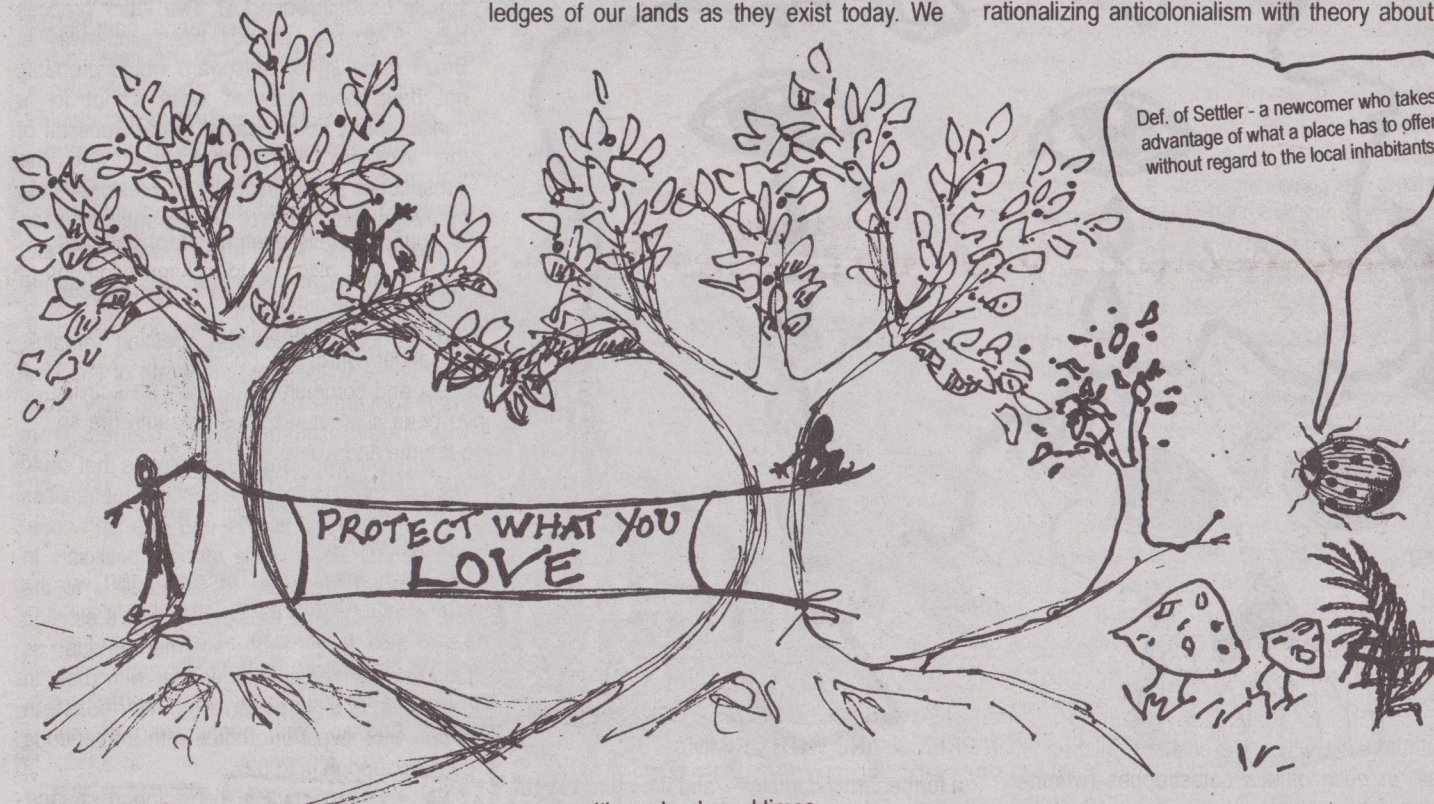
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I reject authenticity as a tool used by oppressors to invalidate our histories and integrate us further into our colonizers' culture. I reject the idea of returning to roots because there is no going back, only going forward. Just as I've said above, we choose our futures. Using willows or using aspirin, speaking English or speaking Lushootseed, living in the United States or the Philippines, what's key in mental decolonization is understanding and employing the same processes that accorded our ancestors their knowledge, deciding our own directions, redeveloping agencies colonizers have deaccorded us.

But how do we build an anticolonial relationship upon settled lands? I've settled stolen Seminole and Coast Salish lands, lands that despite my high affinities, I will not call home. Yet my ancestors' homelands are foreign to me. L'eau est la vie has similar circumstances,

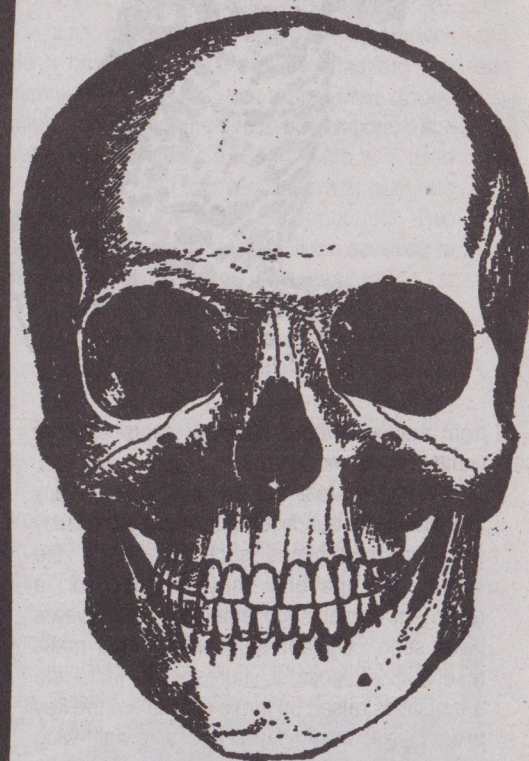
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Do we have an end in discussing a decolonization ecology? Our own (re)formation. Ousting the colonizers and their constructed worlds begets us the unbridled energy of agency and self-determination; it allows us imagination, new states-of-being to explore, and the foreground of our land bases. The land relationship coevolves with these decolonized realities. We can develop and explore our knowledges and methods of the land outside of exploitative industrial language. We can relate with our fellow decolonizers and share our cultures and becomings in the anticolonial war. We can know our give-and-takes with our lands, the more we depend on what we can see and live. We are no less of peoples now than we were or will be — our potentials, however, will be fully realized in a decolonized ecology.

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We and our children will face unimaginable horrors as a result of floods, wildfires, extreme weather, crop failures and the inevitable breakdown of society when the pressures are so great. We are unprepared for the danger our future holds.

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challenge, we remain unattached to outcomes. Meaning that although we hope we can save something of Life on Earth, we are motivated by action being the right thing to do, rather than taking action because we think it will work.

People are now waking up to the enormity of the crisis that we face. ... People are not stupid. They are aware that these disasters are escalating in severity and frequency and that increasingly they are approaching our own shores, with thousands dying in the recent heatwave across Southern Europe. And they are rightly angry that our Government's response to this is to approve ever more catastrophic projects to exploit ever less conventional sources of fossil fuels, such as fracking, causing earthquakes in

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from previous movements and groups that consensus can really clog things up and drain energy so we wanted to try a different model to empower participation. Strategic decisions are made by the coordination team, those who are putting in the most time to make this thing happen. That said we are currently investigating ways to improve this.

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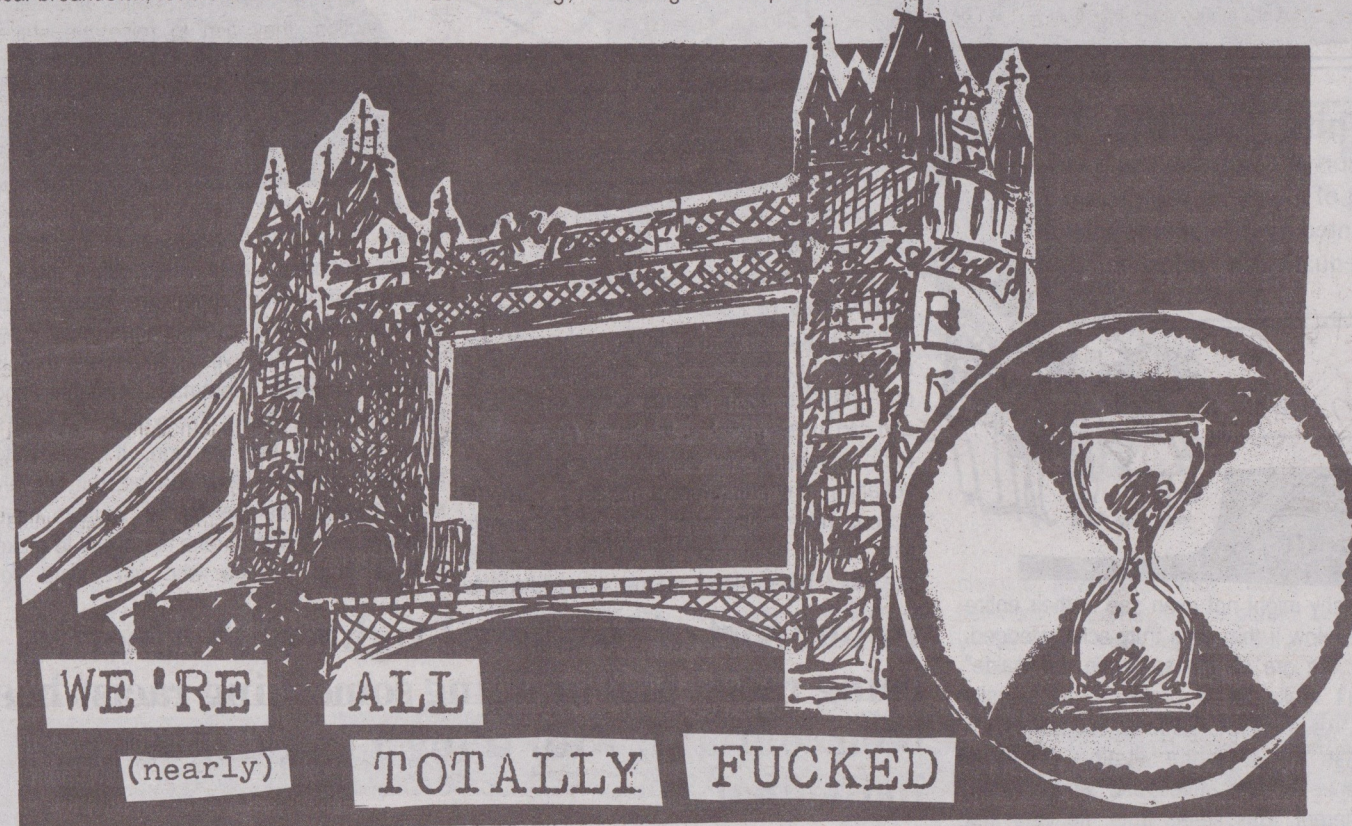
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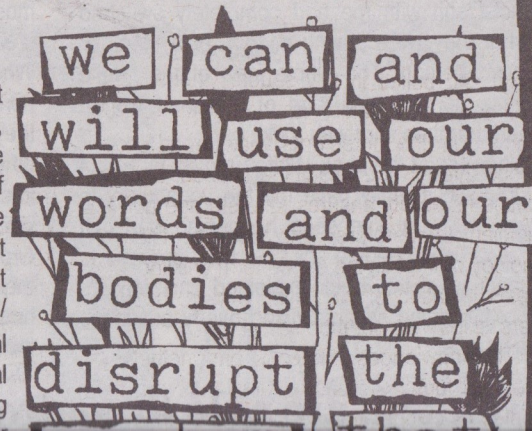
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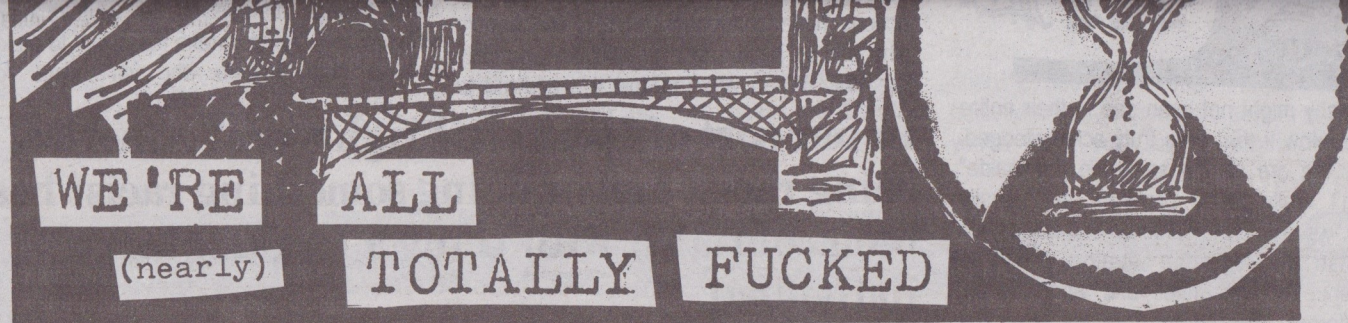
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That said, our aim was to always test out tactics, reflect on what works and then repurpose and adapt as circumstances change. Our goal has always been to build a mass movement. We have undertaken research and training to understand how things change. We are training coordinators on how to mass mobilise.

We know the task ahead is daunting and the likelihood of success may seem slim, but the stakes are so high, the risks of continuing down the ruinous path we are on so dire, with all Life hanging in the balance, that doing nothing, even doing only what we've done before, is unthinkable.

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YOUR CAMPAIGN SEEMS TO FOCUS ON MASS DISRUPTION. ARE YOU NOT SCARED ABOUT WHAT DAMAGE YOU MIGHT DO TO PEOPLE'S LIVES?

We have partially shut down Heathrow Airport on two occasions and carried out many road blocks. We are always concerned about causing inconvenience to people and it doesn't feel good when you learn someone missed an important gathering like a funeral or a hospital appointment. We are doing it as we believe we have to look at the bigger picture of how many people are dying today and how

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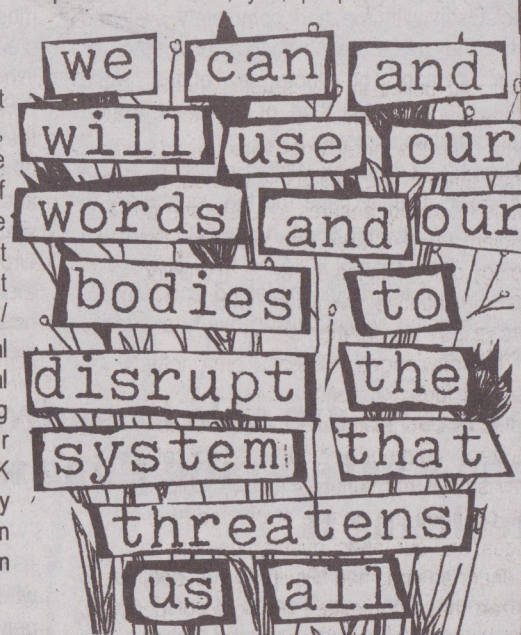
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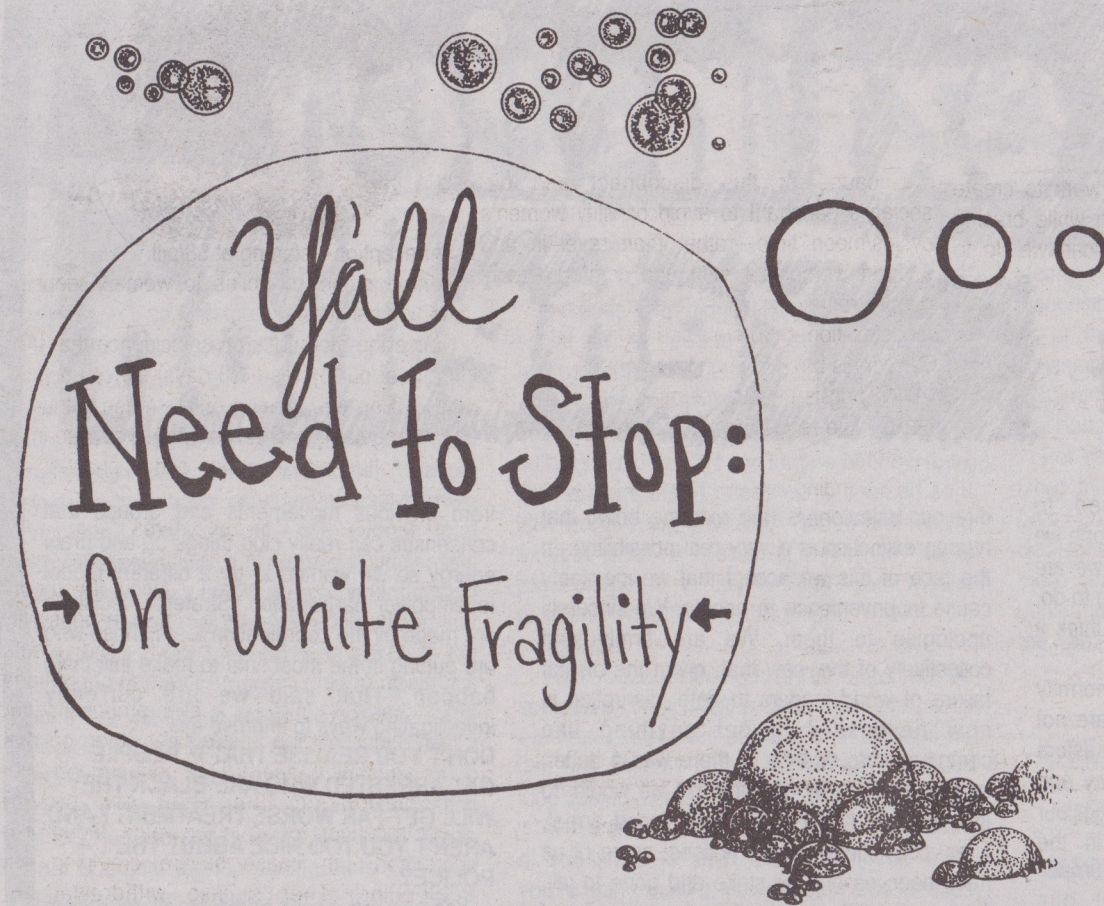
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The aim is not to alienate people, of course. The aim is to make these most critical and urgent issues of our time finally unignorable to decision makers. If they want less disruption, they must act.

Yes, this is an uncompromising stance to adopt, we accept that. We do because we have clear sight of the utterly uncompromising nature of the situation we are in.

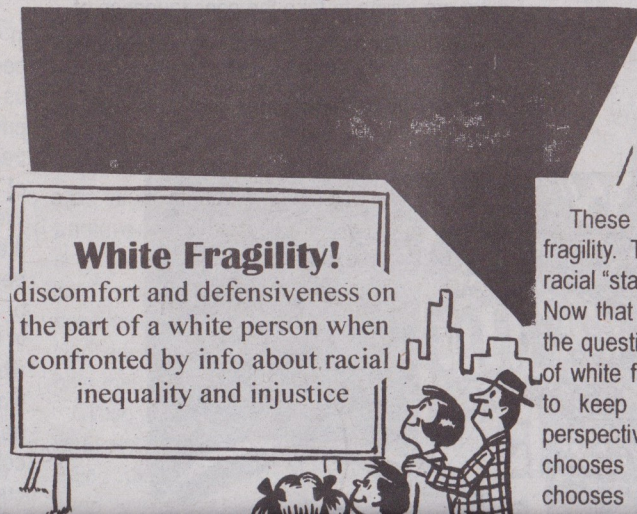


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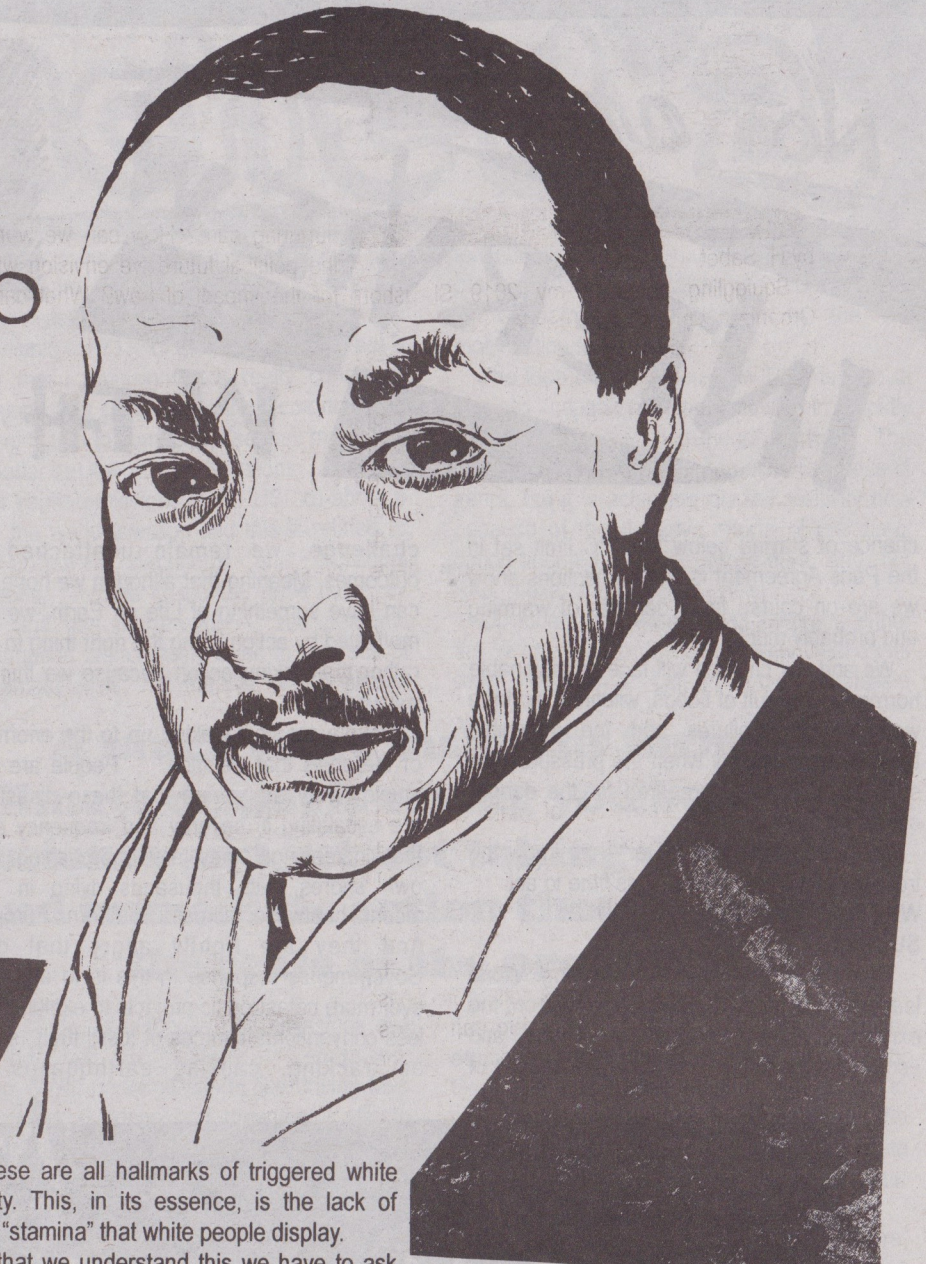
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White Fragility!

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These are all hallmarks of triggered white fragility. This, in its essence, is the lack of racial "stamina" that white people display.

Now that we understand this we have to ask the question, "Why is it bad?" The main effect of white fragility is that it allows white people to keep themselves segregated from the perspectives of PoC. When a white person chooses to be play "devil's advocate" or chooses to be silent and disengaged, they

We as a society need to redefine the word racism. As society becomes more integrated, racism becomes more nuanced in how it shows itself (among progressive whiteys). Not actively calling people racial slurs doesn't get you a medal. We live in a society that is steeped in white supremacy, colorism, and

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discomfort and defensiveness on the part of a white person when confronted by info about racial inequality and injustice



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These are all hallmarks of triggered white fragility. This, in its essence, is the lack of racial "stamina" that white people display.

Now that we understand this we have to ask the question, "Why is it bad?" The main effect of white fragility is that it allows white people to keep themselves segregated from the perspectives of PoC. When a white person chooses to be play "devil's advocate" or chooses to be silent and disengaged, they don't have to really absorb what's being said and can instead choose to remain comfortable and segregated in their viewpoint without suffering any real consequences. But all actions have consequences and the people who end up having to deal with white fragility are PoC. When white people are allowed to

We as a society need to redefine the word racism. As society becomes more integrated, racism becomes more nuanced in how it shows itself (among progressive whiteys). Not actively calling people racial slurs doesn't get you a medal. We live in a society that is steeped in white supremacy, colorism, and racism. Simply being "colorblind" (if that's even possible) isn't enough. It's on white people to not only allow change, but actively make change themselves, as whiteys have actively been trying to take the ability to make change from anyone who isn't white for

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In American society, race is relative to whiteness. The term "Person of color" (PoC), derived from the term "colored," shows this dynamic. A person of color is a color in contrast to white, which implies that Euro-Americans are somehow aracial. So it makes sense that whiteys also tend to be avid supporters of the "we are all the same on the inside" phrase. While a good idea at face value, like most one sentence ideologies it doesn't really capture the nuance of the real world. Yes, we are all the same (despite what disproven "scientists" from the mid 1800's may say), but society doesn't treat us all the same. From the moment of birth, a black baby has a bunch of bullshit (and some of that bullshit comes even before birth) to deal with that a

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In conversations about race (especially when a PoC is involved) white people generally display reactions of

- guilt (e.g. feeling "attacked" or "blamed" regardless of whether they are)
- anger
- fear (e.g. fearing being called racist and by extension a morally corrupt person)
- subversion (e.g. "we are all the same on the inside")
- "devil's advocacy"
- crying in order to subvert
- silence
- repeating the statement "I'm not racist" regardless of the subject
- leaving the situation altogether

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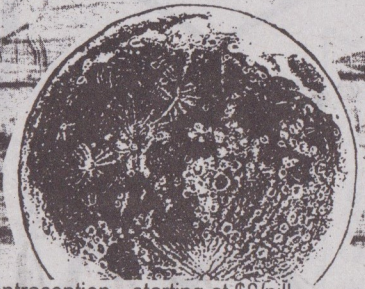
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their own communities. White people need to be willing to call out racism when they see it. So next time your work buddy talks about having "jungle fever," tell him "hey bruh you should try to lay off that." While this might require that you put your ass on the chopping block, after centuries of making everyone else do the same, it might be time for your turn.



Taking our bodies back



by H. Sabet

Squiggling notes in my 2019 Slingshot Organizer, I notice that Tuesday, January 22nd is the 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to legalize abortion in the US. Ironically enough, it is also a day that much of the US dreads its overturn. After Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation last fall, the Supreme Court has the fifth vote it needs to push the anti-abortion movement forward. Many states, especially in the south, have already started passing state constitutional amendments banning abortions if Roe v. Wade is overturned, and have wiped out abortion clinics and services to near extinction. Currently, there are six states with only 1 clinic and ten to twelve states with only 2 or 3 clinics. Many people seeking abortions are forced to travel out of state and wait several days to complete the procedure—a costly and arduous undertaking. Setting an exemplary tone for a hopeful future, New York legislators celebrated the 46th anniversary of RvW by passing the Reproductive Health Act. This bill essentially ensures full protections guaranteed under Roe, decriminalizes abortions in the state, and closes loopholes for abortions needed later in pregnancy.

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nurturing care? How can we work to create the political future we envision while bracing for the impact of now? What can we do to revive and strengthen ourselves and each other in new and creative ways?

Taking our bodies back into our brains

Contraception is a key predictor of whether a woman will have an abortion. Many women who get abortions have concerns with contraceptive methods, or do not think they can get pregnant (Guttmacher Institute²). The pressure for women to choose, afford, attain, and sustain contraception can be a massive and sometimes insurmountable burden. This

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Because of this disconnect and our society's penchant to avoid or vilify women's cycles/moon time—rather than revel in and support women's health and comfort—many people remain fuzzy on the specifics around menstruation, ovulation, and fertility. Let's take our bodies back through knowledge:

*An egg is usually released ONCE in each cycle. The egg lives 12-24 hours. This is ovulation!

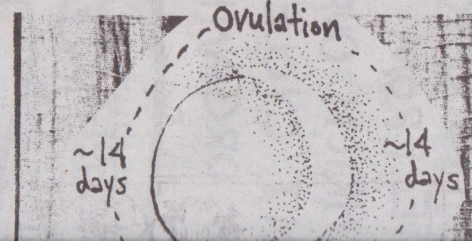
*Depending on your regularity (number of days between each cycle), ovulation usually occurs about 14 days before the start of your moon time/menstruation. Tracking basal temperature every morning, discharge, and

other symptoms can help determine the day of ovulation. There are also home ovulation tests available at many pharmacies.

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What does this mean?

A woman is fertile for as long as six days before ovulation, and two or three days after ovulation, a total of seven to eight days of fertility each month. (optionsforsexualhealth.org)



contraception—starting at \$8/pill.

*Donate money or miles to women seeking abortion services

*Notice the moon! It's no coincidence that the length of our cycles (~28 days) syncs up with the waxing and waning of the moon. Studies show regularity increases when you became more attuned to the moon and its phases.

*Provide alternatives

Alternatives to Contraceptives

Though hormonal contraceptives are widely used, they are not the only option. If you don't want to take on the pretty huge responsibility, health risks, financial strain, and mental burden of birth control in the form of hormonal patches, pills, injections, alien probes inserted into your vagina, there are other options. There is the copper IUD, a nonhormonal alien probe-looking thing that can provide contraception for up to ten years, though this method can cause severe cramping and bleeding. There's also withdrawal and condoms, though not always dependable. Supplementing withdrawal or condoms with FAM, or Fertility Awareness Method, can increase dependability.

The Fertility Awareness Method is free and does not involve health risks. It can also connect you with your body in a way that may enhance your life in unexpected ways, and can deepen communication, cooperation, and responsibility between partners. FAM's effectiveness relies heavily on regularity of moon times, willingness and ability to track symptoms accurately, and the use of consistent supplementary birth control as needed. No one is perfect, which is why a backup supply of emergency contraceptive can be awesomely imperative. The book

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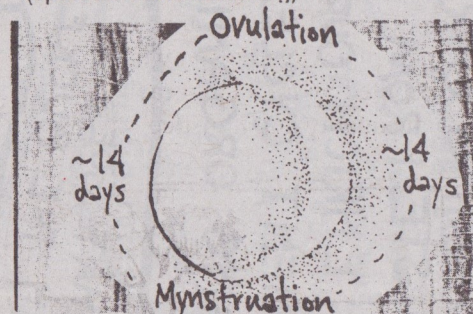
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2 a super rad, leading reproductive health/rights research and policy organization

DO YOUR IT/SELF HUMANURE

by PSEF crew

Humans are the only creatures who don't recycle their waste back into the local landscape that produces their food. And the practice of removing our waste from that nutrient cycle is relatively new for us. Many societies around the world never abandoned the practice of collecting and returning human waste to the local environment, the widespread use of "night soil" in Asia being the most obvious example. Much ado has been made about poor sanitation in urban areas before the advent of sewers and flush toilets. Thermophilic (hot) composting allows the safe recycling of human waste on a home scale without the risk of spreading pathogens and parasites.

In the developed world, most human waste is collected in sewage systems and pumped to waste treatment facilities. It is mixed with everything else that gets washed down a drain and often with the street runoff from urban storm drains. It is now rather unsuitable for composting and direct application to agriculture as it is full of toxins. Processing human waste in home scale, dispersed humanure systems is a great way to recover this valuable resource and complete the nutrient cycle.

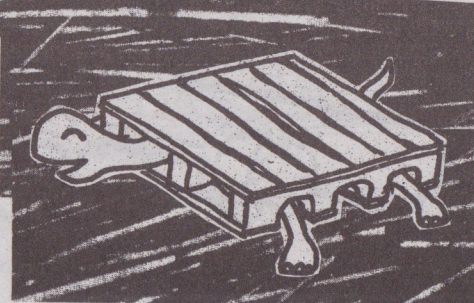
We're often asked if hot composting is effective at breaking down and disabling pharmaceuticals in human waste. Scientists have yet to explore this as humanure is still totally taboo in the West. What is for certain is that sewage treatment does not adequately neutralize these chemicals, and they are already contaminating our water on a global scale with disastrous results. A good measure against these risks is maintaining an awareness of the medicines being consumed by household members who use the humanure toilet.

Composting is a fascinating, educational process and will change your relationship to your poop. You can add an outdoor bathroom to your home with scrap materials, a bucket and a \$15 toilet seat! And digging out the finished compost at the end of the process is a revelation! It is sweet smelling, full of life energy and definitely better than any amendment you will ever find at the nursery or garden center. You will begin to shed your Westerner's dread of poop and an important piece of you will be brought back into reality -- we are part of these processes, not separate from them and they are magical! Poop is magical! So are thermophilic compost microorganisms!

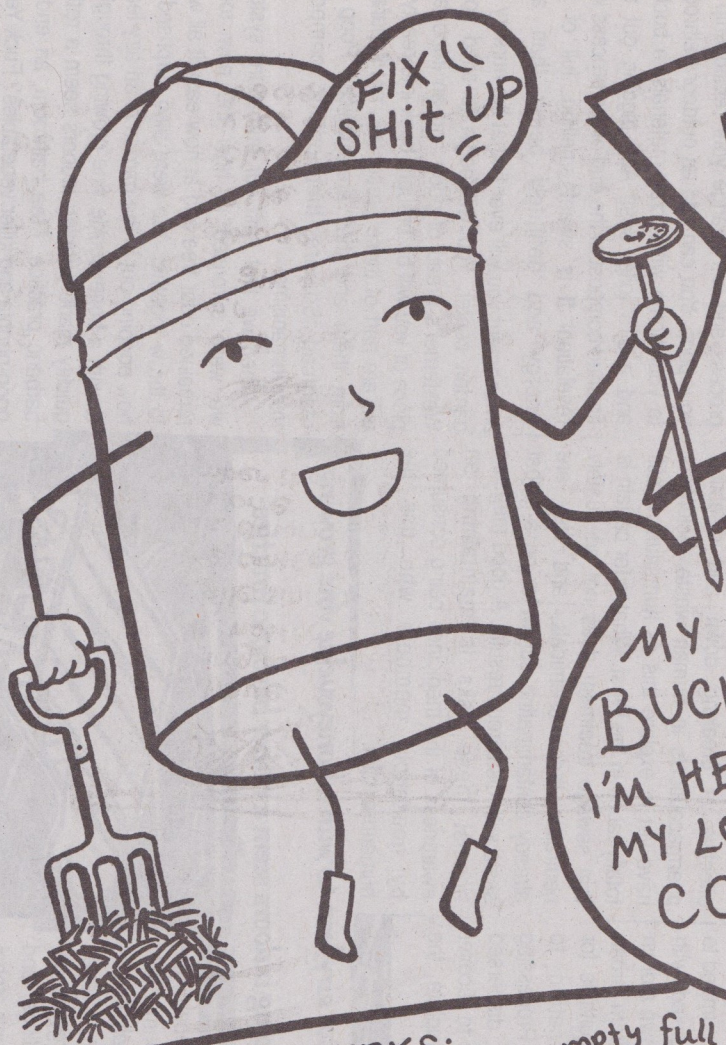
When we first built our humanure system we were surprised at how the new toilet remained odor free and at how easy it all was to throw together. We were also surprised at how pooping out in the garden in an airy lean-to with a honeysuckle vine growing through it quickly made pooping indoors seem a rather barbaric practice. Free bathroom, an end to poop-phobia and killer vegetables? Fuck Yes!

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Building a humanure system is probably the easiest, least expensive "environmentally friendly" thing a person can do; all that is needed is 20 sq. ft of outdoor space. It saves you money, reduces water and energy usage, improves your immediate surroundings, and eliminates your contribution to a major global problem (dumping of treated and partially treated sewage into oceans and waterways).



SEE POSTER! →



DIY

by Isabel Fava Bean

HEY THERE!
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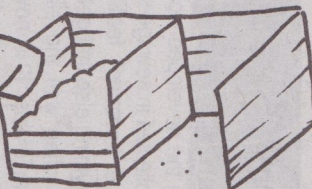


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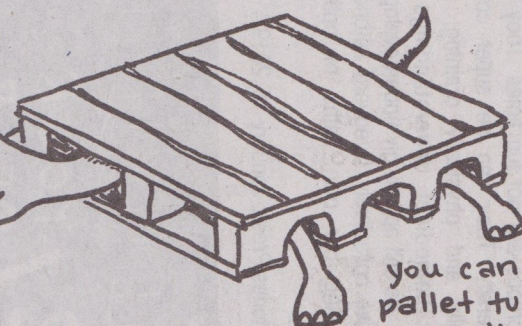


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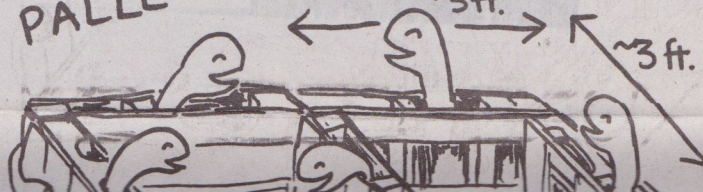
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FIVE PALLET TURTLES MAKE A GREAT COMPOST BIN.



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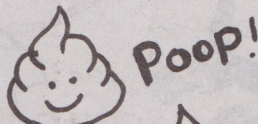
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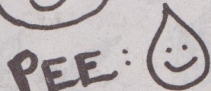
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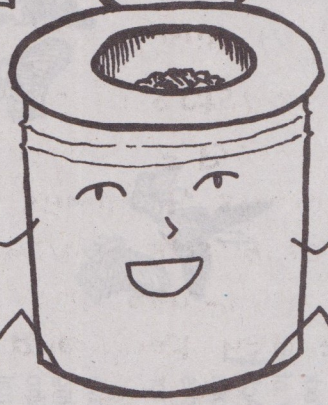


Poop!



PEE:

Some pee is good,
but a lot will
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this handy plastic
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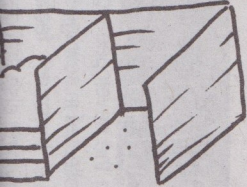
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TOILET PAPER

breaks down
easily.

but better yet, wipe with leaves!

favorites:
mullein
lambsear
thimbleberry

COVER MATERIAL

to absorb liquid and odor.

Sawdust works great, you can get
bags of it from lumber mills & yards.
or use dry leaves, pine needles, shredded
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Stashed near the compost bin, you'll need
more cover material - chunkier stuff, but still
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(hello, straw bale friend!)

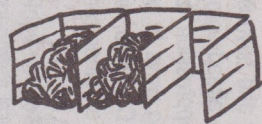
when you're ready

hello,
impact driver
friend!



add slats, chicken
wire or another
pallet to contain the front of
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they make a great
sized bin for a
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for a larger household, add
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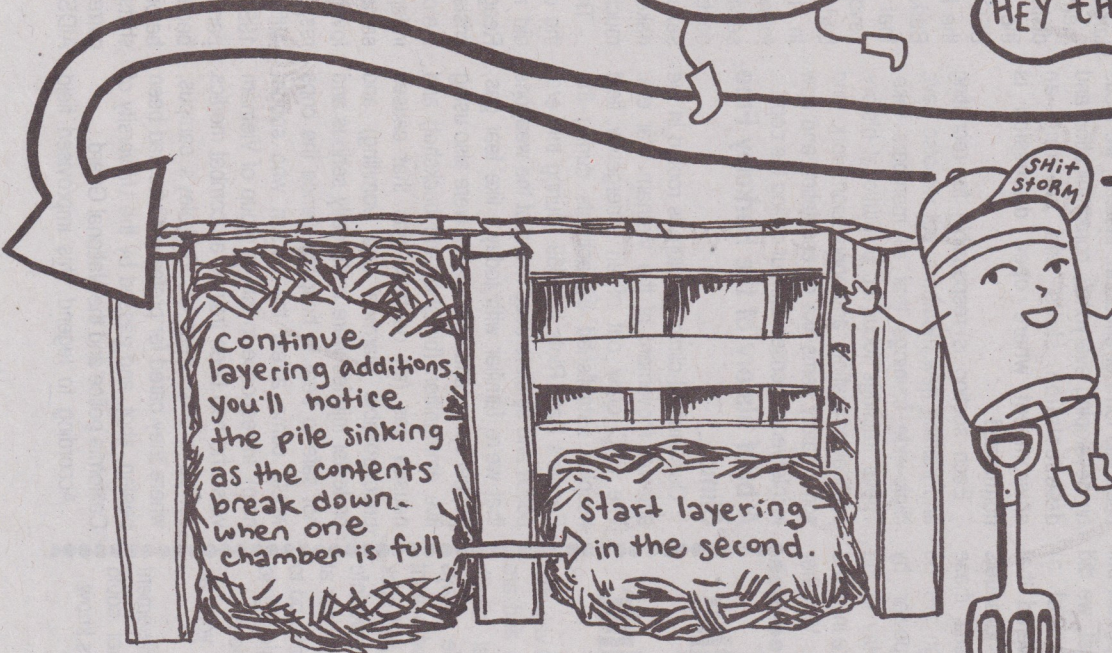
each time you add
a new bucket of poop
or kitchen scraps, pull
the cover material aside
and dump the new
stuff in the center.
you don't need to stir the
compost! leaving the fresh
addition as a layer on
top helps it heat up!



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THERMOMETER!

*available online
for \$20-30

HEY THERE!



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full pile age
for 6 months to a
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aging process is an
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against pathogen
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if the compost has
hit the proper
temperatures, all the
potential pathogens
in human waste will
be gone - including
worm eggs, viruses and
bacteria.

to be safe, you can
use your finished
compost, or HUMANOURE,
on ornamental plants,
fruit trees, or others
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the plant don't touch
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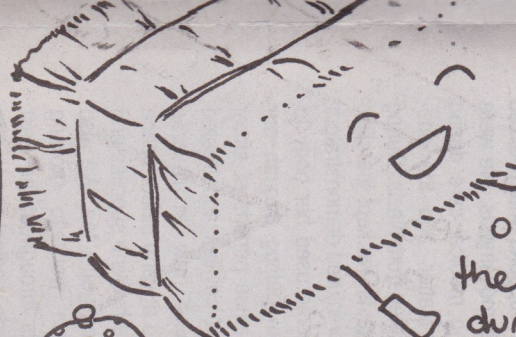




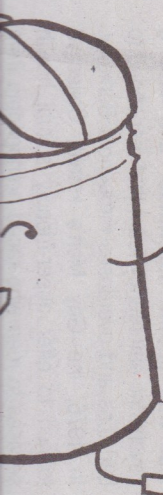
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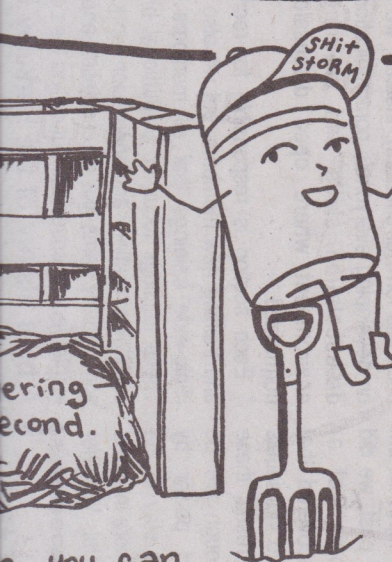
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after aging, open up your pile. the compost will be dark, rich, earthy smelling and ready to use in the garden ♡

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however, many composters use humanure on leaf and root veggies in their gardens, to no ill effect.

if you don't have space for a garden



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when you're ready to start the pile, toss some bulky cover material on the bottom and up the sides of the bin. dump the poop bucket in the center. you can rinse the bucket & throw the water on the pile. now is a great time to add kitchen scraps & garden weeds. then cover the top with more straw or dry, bulky cover.

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3 minutes	65°C/149°F
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1 day	50°C/122°F
1 week	46°C/114°F
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149°F is a hot pile! 110-140°F is normal for a home compost pile.



BEAUTIFUL!

when we compost our poop and return it to the garden, that feeds us, we are completing a cycle that has been broken for generations. ♡

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Berkeley Free Clinic: 50 Years of Radical Health

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provide services, we dismantle the traditional power dynamic where a "professional" holds knowledge about other people's bodies and tells them what to do. Instead, we work to demystify the process of healthcare and involve clients in learning about their bodies and health. Instead of training in a formal environment, we learn cooperatively from each other and try to blur the barrier between provider and client by recruiting clients to join our collective.

We can't stress how weird and rare this is in a country where medical services are wrapped in a tangled net of bureaucracy, hierarchy, and liability. Also weird is our autonomy. Our budget mostly comes from donations and grants that we apply for, which means government budget cuts don't really impact us. Our lack of reliance on government funding (which usually comes with a lot of strings attached) means we don't have as many regulations to follow as other clinics, and this gives us a lot more freedom to see people who might otherwise not feel safe getting medical care. For example, we aren't required to report abuse to the police, which means survivors of physical violence and sexual assault can get medical care from us without us being forced to call the cops on them. Similarly, we can provide anonymous HIV testing, even though most clinics are required to report positive HIV tests by name to the State. And because we don't bill any kind of insurance, we don't have to check IDs or require proof of eligibility - everything is free without question.

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Nurturing a culture of accountability is a constant process. In past decades, we held Maoist-style "criticism/self-criticism circles" where individuals would provide "plus and delta" feedback to each other. Eventually, we

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Some notes on our structure

The BFC is made up of small, semi-autonomous collectives that each specialize in a different area of health (like dentistry, peer counseling, general medical, etc.). We make decisions both as these smaller collectives (which can decide if they want to be consensus-based or use a voting process) and as a larger, clinic-wide group (which has a formal voting process). Some of our sections provide direct services and others are strictly logistical. Logistical sections work to preserve institutional knowledge and make sure that all of the little things that need to happen (like updating referrals and maintaining the space) happen. Members who conduct bookkeeping and custodial work receive small stipends, but we do not hire paid staff. In the past, we did

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The BFC is currently in a dual state of revival and precarity. As often happens when radical political organizations fill in government gaps in social services, we spend so much time trying to meet folks' basic needs that our ability to organize is limited. As we approach our 50th birthday, there's talk of finding ways to strengthen our activist and advocacy work on top of the services we already provide. We're expanding our anti-oppression and radical political training, finding ways to contribute to mutual aid projects in California, and trying to support the fuck out of other radical health projects in the area.



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How to Support the Berkeley Free Clinic

- The radical imagination is our most valuable resource. If you live in the Bay Area and are into the idea of joining a radical health collective, please just fucking join. We always need more people, especially people who want to take initiative, make shit happen, and stick around for at least a few years. We have info sessions on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30PM at 2339 Durant St. You can also go to our website at www.berkeleyfreeclinic.org to see which sections are taking applications.
- Even if you're not in the Bay Area, you can always give us money.
- Do you know of a grungy church basement or warehouse space in Berkeley that could house a clinic? Come find us and let us know.



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Each section is responsible for recruiting and training new members, but we also have clinic-wide trainings that all members take. These trainings focus on institutional history, political education, anti-oppression work, and some safety items like de-escalation and how to intervene in crises without calling the cops.

A brief history of the Berkeley Free Clinic

Our unusual clinic structure is rooted in the anti-war movement of the Vietnam War era. The BFC grew out of an emergency field hospital established by activists during the People's Park Riots in 1969. During this era, police and soldiers used many of the weapons that we're familiar with today - like tear gas, pepper spray, and batons - but were also using live ammunition (birdshot and buckshot) and nausea gas (an odorless gas that causes uncontrollable diarrhea and vomiting) and protester injuries were both really serious and not safe to treat in hospitals (since the cops would come arrest the person who sought help). In response to this, a group of Vietnam vets who had been trained as combat medics set up a clinic near UC Berkeley's campus, where they cared for protesters who had been beaten, shot, and gassed by the University of California police and the National Guard.

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the Bay Area during the 60s. In 1970, a group of feminists joined the clinic to run a women's reproductive health night. They brought radical theory with them and eventually usurped the largely male, military-trained core of BFC members, resulting in a more horizontal distribution of power. The 70s were arguably the most radical and involved years of the BFC. During this period, we collaborated with the Black Panther Party's free clinic in South Berkeley, operated a drug information hotline that was known nationwide, and had a psychiatric emergency team that responded to bad trips and overdoses throughout Berkeley. In 1976, the Gay Men's Health Collective formed to offer queer-friendly sexual health services to men who faced homophobia from doctors. Clinic culture was steeped in the sexual revolution and psychedelic drugs and naked business meetings and orgies were much more common than they are today.

The 1980s were a much rougher decade for the clinic. Prior to the 80s, the clinic actually did receive government funding, but Ronald Reagan's budget cuts brought on a financial crisis that saw the end of 24-hour services at the clinic (and gave us good reason to be more independent of government funding). At the same time, AIDS began killing clinic members, lovers, clients, and friends, and the BFC responded by offering anonymous HIV testing. Although our financial situation stabilized in the 1990s, staffing of the clinic declined, due in part to the gutting of the welfare state and because fewer activists had the resources to be on-call at odd hours. Daytime and afternoon shifts disappeared, and the clinic shifted to its current evening and weekend schedule. The AIDS epidemic continued, and clinic member

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That being said, we're also fighting to keep our shit together. Several members have died recently, our energy is spread thin from responding to multiple crises in the Bay Area (homelessness, fire, ICE raids, sex worker crackdowns, overdoses), and we need to move out of our current church basement space as the building is condemned. In the middle of a rapidly gentrifying university town, the BFC is a small, funky pocket of difference. However, the reality of existing in that gentrified city is starting to hit us and it's unclear in what form we'll exist in the future (though given the creativity and dedication of my co-collective members, it's highly unlikely that we *won't* be here).

Like a satellite that is in constant free-fall without ever hitting the ground, the BFC has spent the past 50 years in a state of managed chaos, without ever actually falling apart. We are a collective made out of human beings, with all the mess and conflict and dysfunction that sometimes goes with that, and our limited skills and resources prevent us from meeting everyone's medical needs. However, we're also a proof of concept: lay people can do something tangible for the health of their communities and provide healthcare in a totally transformative way. Knowledge and power in the healthcare system can be horizontalized, and even in the face of police repression and lack of resources, it's possible to craft little pockets of creative difference.

RUNNING WHILE STANDING STILL

A Different Angle on the Prison Story Not Often Heard

By Kiki, doing time with her man serving a 25 to life sentence. She makes the drive to see him every weekend

The line is long this morning in the tube and the smell is a mixture of hair product, dirty concrete, and damp cold air along with a visceral feeling of anxiety, excitement, despair, and resignation. The resignation comes in unique flavors from aggressive to exhausted and I wonder sometimes how one concrete tube can contain so many emotions without cracking. Then again, how can any one of us stay so contained considering what we are lining up for.

If you didn't know any better, and could ignore the obvious give-aways; you'd think this line up of women would be waiting to enter a club. It's only 7 am and there are women who have awakened at 3:45 am to get here on time and let me tell you these women are looking good. Hair washed and coiffed, make up meticulously applied, clothed with attention, precision, an eye to attract and be appreciated. I want to tell each one of them "looking beautiful today!" just to bring some smiles to faces in this grim grey place. And considering the regulations, there are a whole lot of women with creativity and imagination to get around these rules and achieve an end result of beauty.

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and now pace with what I pray will only be the last few minutes.

Do this with me now: imagine someone you

how you can practically feel their blood coursing through their veins, how the very sinew of them is etched into yours and now imagine you cannot get to them because there is a very thick wall and multiple gates and fences in between and layers upon layers of unclear obstacles and the way in is fraught with opacity, rules which are confusing. In your mind's eye you circle the walls with frustration and the sheer energy of having to stand still and do nothing when every cell in your body silently shrieks to move, to take action. It is the act of doing nothing with so much pent up energy which is the ultimate exercise. Believe me, the burn out is real. There is a sheer exhaustion which comes from crossing borders, from one world to another and then back again, in the space of hours, and those hours filled with crowds and lines and more

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For now though, I glance at the clock. It is 8:35 and when I glance again and in the direction of my line of sight, I see him, finally, and with that all lines and time are forgotten. All that matters is that moment, that smile, that love I feel emanating from me and traveling towards me. So I do what anyone would do, I walk straight towards him, smiling.



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DEFEND PEOPLE'S PARK, AGAIN!

By Abigail

People's Park in Berkeley — perhaps the longest-running land occupation in the US — turns 50 years old in 2019, but there's no time for nostalgia. The park is facing imminent destruction from a University of California Berkeley (UC) plan to construct an up to 1,000 bed dorm, so defenders are struggling to defend the land. Over school winter-break, scores of police in riot gear staged 2 pre-dawn raids so that crews could clear-cut the Eastern half of the park and clear out a protest camp. Over 40 trees were cut and 6 people were arrested. UC claimed the raids had nothing to do with the development plan and were part of "routine tree maintenance." What a joke — everything about the surprise raids showed UC's deception and bad faith regarding the park.

Constructed without UC permission in 1969 to create a beautiful community on vacant UC land, UC's first 1969 attempt to seize back and destroy the People's Park led to rioting, police shootings that left bystander James Rector dead and dozens wounded, and a week-long National Guard occupation of Berkeley.

UC has always claimed to legally own the land, but they have blood on their hands and since 1969 they have never been able to

DEFEND PEOPLES PARK



THEY TRY IT - WE RIOT!

control it. Over the years, park users have practiced "user development" by building and tending gardens, trees and landscaping as determined by users, not government managers. In response, UC has done everything it could to undermine community efforts, destroying gardens and free-boxes, and encouraging social disintegration.

The park is a rare place in the city open to everyone, hosting a free speech stage and daily free food servings. People's Park exists for use by people, not for sale or profit. For decades, the slogan on the street when it comes to UC proposals to develop People's Park has been "they try it, we riot."

Dorm construction may begin in 2020 and has received support from Berkeley's mayor and other city officials, in contrast to previous development attempts that received much less support. UC hopes that wide-spread gentrification and the housing crisis will finally allow them free reign over the Park, but nothing's certain when it comes to People's Park. According to the People's Park Committee, which is organizing 50th anniversary celebrations in April and coordinating defense of the park: "Student housing can be built elsewhere. The city and campus community must prevent UC Berkeley and private corporations from decimating People's Park precious green space. There are several alternative locations to build student housing."

The best way to protect the park is to build solid community support by using the park as a thriving venue for radical action, alternative



culture, art, music and life outside of consumerism. East Bay Food Not Bombs has served lunch at 3pm Monday-Friday at the Park for the last 25 years. Park committee meetings are Sundays at 1pm. Let 1,000 Parks Bloom! More info at peoplespark.org.

Upcoming Events

- Class on People's Park and the Right to the Commons - UC Berkeley thru April 30. Tuesdays 5-6 pm Barrows Hall Room 166 syllabus at Peoplespark.org
- Walking tour of Telegraph Avenue with park- founder, Michael Delacour see peoplespark.org

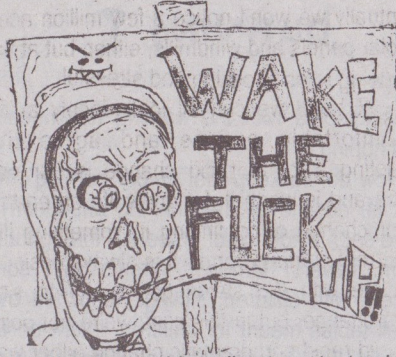
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the amazing things we're capable of conceiving and creating — music, books, bicycles, art, architecture, yummy food.

Both impossible and within reach

Decarbonizing the whole world quickly enough to avoid the worst climate change seems impossible on one level, and frustratingly within reach on another. People lived for thousands of years without burning any fossil fuels at all; our current total dependence is only a century old. Scientists have spent the last 30 years understanding climate change, and they have determined that if we add too many greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, we'll trigger natural feedback loops that will further warm the climate — and the warming will become self-sustaining past a certain tipping point even if humans stop adding more emissions. Ocean acidification as CO₂ is absorbed by water is another threat. So it is urgent to stop adding more CO₂ and other gases like methane *before* tipping points are crossed. Scientists believe that there may



still be time to avoid a climate catastrophe if emissions are eliminated right away.

Doing so is possible *now* with current technology — what is missing is the social will

power, their actions were laughably inadequate to the scale of the problem.

What is to be done?

Because the biggest problem is building social will, we need to start on a psychological and personal level.

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decarbonize our lives, many fossil fuel use decisions are within our hands. A popular meme states that just 100 corporations are responsible for 71% of global emissions, but a lot of those emissions are really consumer emissions that people buy from corporations. Shifting blame to someone else may make you feel better but it won't cut emissions.

Per capita emissions in the US are about 4 times the world average and this is related to *both* corporate decisions *and* individual decisions. People in the US drive more, fly more and use more stuff — and personal consumption is increasing even in the face of the climate crisis. In the EU, with a similar

technological breakthroughs. The activist group Climate Mobilization has proposed a 6 point "Victory Plan" inspired by the US mobilization for WWII.

The idea of the Green New Deal is also to harness capitalism's productivity to rapidly decarbonize in a worker-friendly fashion. The idea has been kicking around for several years, but it is achieving greater visibility now because of the dynamic efforts of the direct action-oriented Sunrise Movement and NY Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

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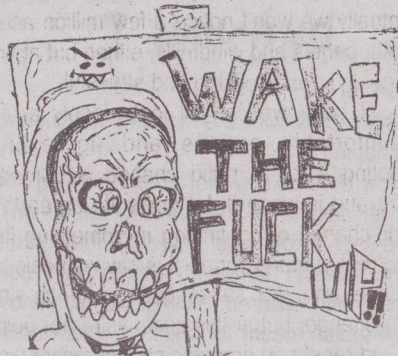
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still be time to avoid a climate catastrophe if emissions are eliminated right away.

Doing so is possible *now* with current technology — what is missing is the social will. Decarbonization means we need to put the interests of 99% of the population of the world — who don't own or work for fossil fuel companies — ahead of the 1% who do. Smarter people than me have created detailed plans that describe how each particular fossil fuel dependent social function can be decarbonized — from electricity production to transport to manufacturing to agriculture. It's worth it to read the details — see the end of this article for some links — but it's also important that we develop catchy phrases to summarized extremely complex ideas. My current favorite catchy phrase is the Green New Deal, which I'll discuss later.

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cliff. These people are going to get us all killed and when they say *we're* dreamers or radicals, we need to turn the tables and call them out. Changing the climate on a whole planet is reckless — a mad-scientist experiment.

The typical mainstream political divisions between climate-denying Republicans in Red States and supposedly climate change-aware Democrats living in Blue States are hogwash. Climate denial isn't only denying science. A much more insidious form of climate denial is saying you believe in science and yet not taking dramatic and immediate action that is equal to the scale of the problem.

If you "believe science" then you're aware that our species may be on the brink of extinction or at least social collapse — so cautious, gradual political policies aimed to avoid disrupting the status quo (while continuing to accept campaign contributions from oil companies) is *not going to cut it*. When Obama, Al Gore and the rest of them had

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to be developed by each individual or group based on their own capabilities and local context. We've already seen occupations to stop pipeline construction, sit-ins at corporate offices, traffic blockades and tree-sits to stop coal mining. Coal mostly moves by train, so blocking coal trains pops to mind. Even small blockades can stop complex industrial operations or play chaos with urban life. Disruption means gumming up the normal functioning of the machine — making fossil fuel dependence an expensive hassle.

Although there's been too much emphasis on personal lifestyle-based solutions to climate change because the scale of the climate crisis will require more than individual action, saying that our individual choices are entirely irrelevant is also obviously wrong and harmful. Pointing this out doesn't mean we should get bogged down in guilt-based judgments about other people's consumption decisions. It just means that in an all-hands on deck effort to

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But replacing capitalism is a complex project. It is hard to see how it can happen in just the few years that may be left to decarbonize before tipping points are crossed. Maintaining a critique of capitalism shouldn't mean that we wait for the revolution before starting the struggle to decarbonize.

I increasingly think that the path of least resistance may be to use political and social paths within the current system to decarbonize as quickly as we can. Survival has to be the first priority.

It is possible to decarbonize under the current system because the current economy can function just fine with solar power and electric cars. While fossil fuel companies and their politicians are powerful, they are outnumbered, and with enough social pressure, their interests can be overcome.

It is painful to admit that while capitalism is harmful and unjust in many ways, it has a proven track record of supporting innovation and rapidly deploying technological advances on a mass scale. This has been particularly true during wars. During WWII the US rapidly converted civilian production to military production and was able to make numerous

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strategy failing. Governments are likely to respond to chaos with violence and repression, not decarbonization.

Promoting and helping to organize disruption and pressure is *our job* — radicals, the counter-culture, civil society, etc. Those within the system — the NGOs, the corporations, the political parties — can't and won't disrupt their own system. They are blind as to how their reformist methods are limited and failing. Only people organized collectively can destabilize the status quo sufficiently to bend history. In the UK, Extinction Rebellion has begun organizing widespread disruptive actions to require a rapid government response to climate change.

If we're serious about creating disruption in the hope of forcing government action, we need to be self-critical about our own past failures and realistic about how power works. During the Occupy Movement, we were extremely successful in building a thriving, grassroots, widespread, decentralized disruptive direct action movement. But we

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weren't able to transform pressure and momentum into political power or measurable improvements within the system.

For my part — and I think many people felt this way — we didn't care. Winning crumbs within a corrupt and doomed capitalist/political system was unattractive, uncool, and uninteresting. We didn't want to get our hands dirty and with good reason.

But let's compare our moral purity to the right-wing Tea Party Movement. They created a ruckus, but none of them felt like winning demands within the system was uncool. They encouraged politicians to harness their energy to achieve results within the system. Many ran for office. Arguably US society moved right.

While we've been refusing to participate in the system, others have filled the space. It is hard to beat something with nothing.

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distribution to homeless people — even though that was a very excellent thing to do. At a critical moment when millions of people were searching for solutions and feeling personal distress, that was the moment to very clearly demand action to decarbonize. I'm not sure if we could have had an effective protest in the midst of the smoke, but next time something similar happens I sure hope we try. We need to have the banners and the networks ready.

A climate change revolt — an Extinction Rebellion to go with the British term — is a snowball process where suddenly, you notice people you've never met are saying and doing the same things you are. That's already happening. These moments are inspirational and make it easier to up your own game, and when you do, you're helping other people act, too.

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I had a dream that part of the decarbonization uprising would involve everyone greeting each other with a new climate change word — instead of saying "hello" or "goodbye" you would say it to signal that you're part of the rebellion like people said "Peace" during the Vietnam War. I couldn't remember the word when I woke up, but we need to find that word and start saying it.

Uncertainty

I don't know whether decarbonization is possible within capitalism — but we need to pose the question. Obviously relying on — actually seeking out — government action carries extreme risk and can lead to a lot of problems.

change-averse and conservative people I know are Berkeley radicals who are outraged if a single cafe changes its name.

Decarbonizing the entire economy — especially in just a few years — means the sort of drastic change we haven't witnessed since World War II. It could end up making WWII look modest by comparison because to decarbonize the world, the front line will be everywhere simultaneously.

We're all going to have to adapt to new technologies (or less technology?) and new forms of social organization. In urban areas, NIMBYs are going to have to accept more transit and more density and probably other things we can't even imagine right now. Everyone's going to have to get rid of their familiar comfortable car and drive an electric one instead, or maybe even ride a bike or take transit. Some comforts like food out of season or air travel may not be worth the ecological costs. We're used to oil drilling rigs and gas stations, so we don't notice them — and eventually we won't notice a few million acres of solar panels and windmills, either, but at first it is going to be shocking and stressful.

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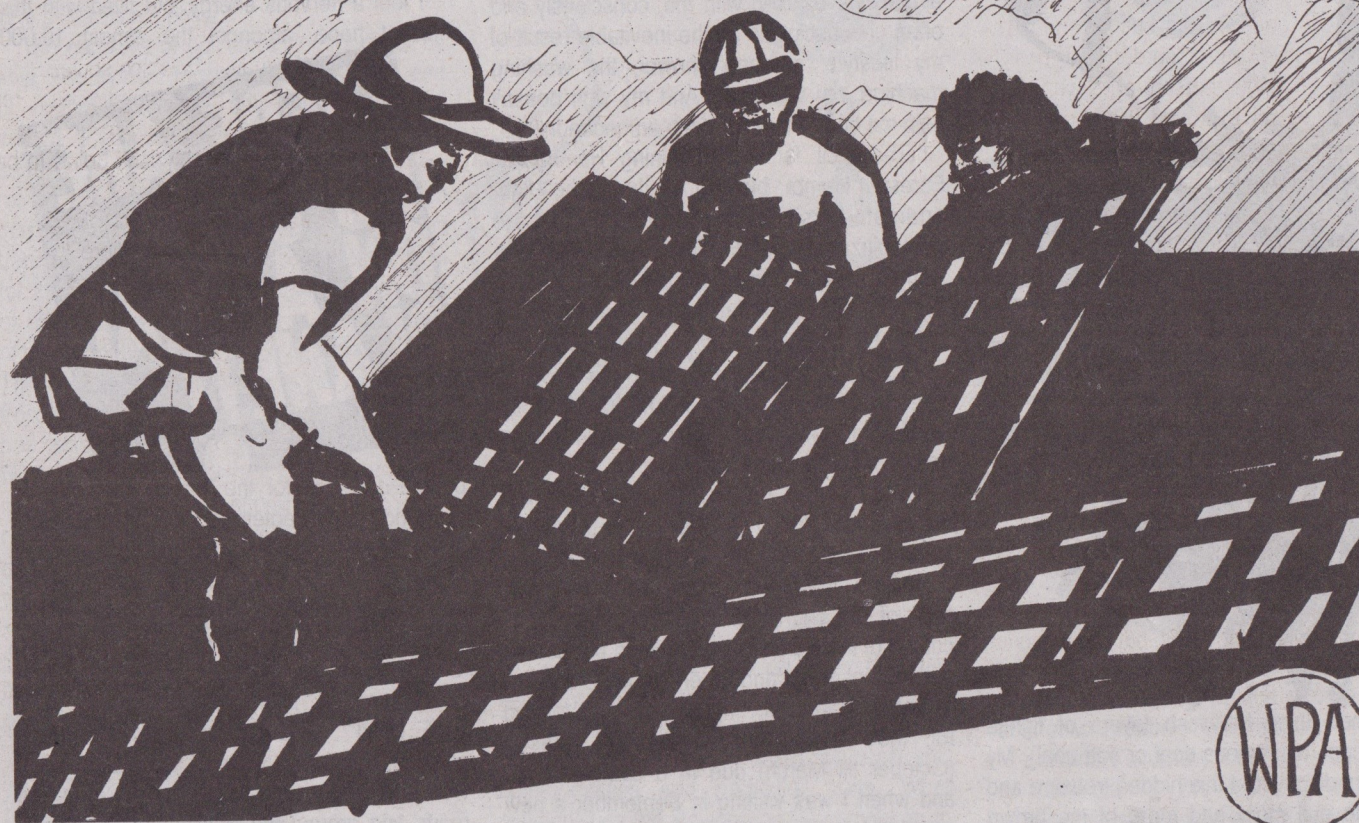
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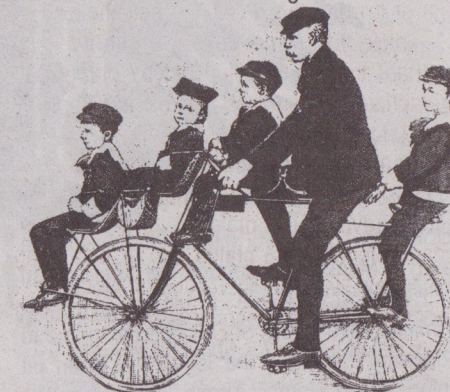
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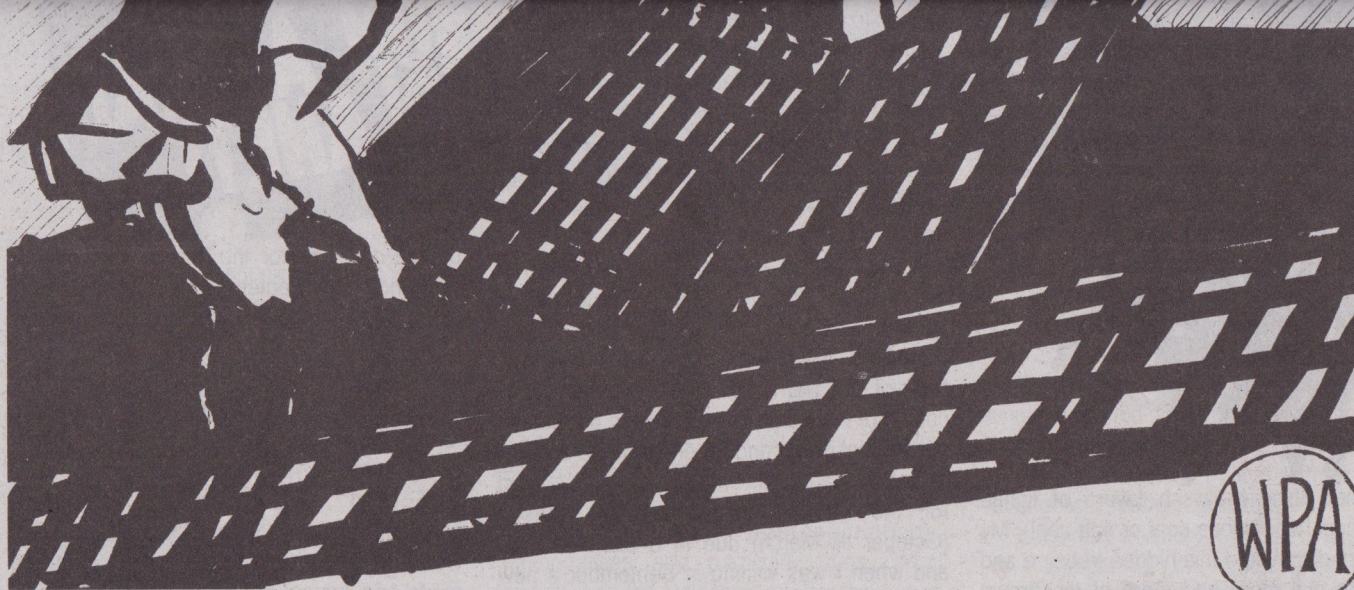
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I want to approach the need to decarbonize with joy and excitement, but the smoke and then fleeing was all about discomfort and fear. After just a week of staying inside to hide from the smoke, I began to lose creativity and feel tired and irritable. Everyone stopped going out and the streets were deserted. It was like living in a dystopian movie -- the sun was very dim and I saw smoke blowing out of the BART



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backs are against the wall but the risk of action is nonetheless our best change of survival. For me, it was the smoke from the fire in Paradise that felt like the last straw and really made me feel a shift within my heart. I always wondered what I would do if I had a terminal disease — and suddenly I realized that the planet *has* a terminal disease. It means I have nothing to lose, but I also feel free and clear in my mind. Not everyone is going to feel this at the same time — there won't be a single climate change wake up call — but I think there may be many localized ones that have happened or are about to happen to a lot of people in cities and towns everywhere.

When disasters happen, we need to be prepared to connect them to climate change and use them to build pressure to decarbonize. Perhaps the best radical reaction to the smoke in the Bay Area wasn't just to organize mask

powerlessness. Being in an uprising is the opposite of powerlessness. During an uprising, all our everyday moments are opportunities during which we use whatever means we have — our jobs, our roles, our holiday letters, our conversations with friends, *Slingshot* articles. It is a political and psychological shift where people re-set priorities. The focus we need now is for climate change to be the top priority. While there are many other ecological crisis like plastics in the oceans, a narrow focus on climate change is necessary because if tipping points are crossed, all current complex life forms are at risk.

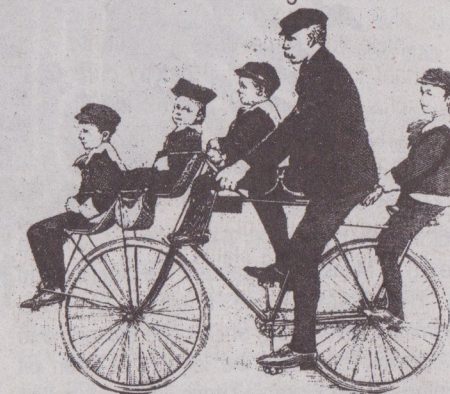
During the Iranian Hostage Crisis in 1980, US news programs started each broadcast by telling you how many days the crisis had continued. What if news programs began to lead with the atmospheric CO2 concentration?

When I fled to Monterey to get away from the smoke, after my daughter went to sleep I biked out into the dark and stopped on some rocks above the ocean to start this article. The act of fleeing had rattled me. It felt like a turning point. I've been an activist for 35 years, and every year things seem to get worse. It feels like activist malpractice to keep on thinking and doing the same things and expect a better outcome. So I think it is essential that we all — in our own ways — take some time to question our assumptions and look into the abyss.

Conclusion

This article calls for drastic and rapid change that will touch everyone and everything. And that's a lot of work and stress and bother. Most of us would be much happier to continue with what is familiar and comfortable. That's not limited to suburbanites or Trump voters — in some ways the most

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Further Reading on-line

- Climate Mobilization has a great 6-point Victory plan that I highly recommend: climatemobilization.org
- The Sunrise Movement has exciting direct actions yet seems pragmatic about achieving results: sunrisemovement.org.
- Extinction Rebellion in the UK has the best direct actions and overall has my favorite vision for how this could work: rebellion.earth
- Statistics in this article are mostly from the Center for Climate and Energy Studies c2es.org/content/international-emissions/
- The on-line version of this article includes additional material at the end.

Hambi bleibt! Coal in the FORESTS STICK around! ♥

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ice formed thick brownish layers of lignite (brown coal, bituminous coal or soft coal). My ancestors discovered this hidden treasure and started to pull more and more of the brown gold into daylight. They had figured out that they could burn this lignite. And they got more and more hungry for the warmth, the energy,

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The fight for the remaining Hambacher Forest ("Hambi bleibt!") is both the fight against fossil fuel extraction (climate destabilization) and for forest protection (climate stabilization), because the forest here 'protects' the fossil fuels from our exploitive hands.

In 2012 environmentalists started to occupy the forest, building artful tree houses connecting them with bridges to little 'villages' and founded a community.

The biggest German environmental organization, BUND (Friends of the Earth), is fighting alongside the Hambacher Forest protectors. Since years this NGO is battling in front of the courts for a 'Stop' of the clear-cutting of the Hambacher Forest to protect the unique biosphere and an endangered species of bats in particular. The cutting was stopped for the 2017/2018 deforestation season (October till March) due to a court decision and when I was visiting in September a new court decision was still pending and the cutting season was about to begin in less than two weeks!

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It felt like victory until December 3, when the VG Cologne announced that they intend to come to a decision as soon as the first quarter of 2019. If the VG rules in favor of RWE, the energy company that is destroying the forest, they could start cutting immediately — although they can only cut between October and March.

The previous stance of the VG Cologne in favor of RWE gives little reason for optimism.

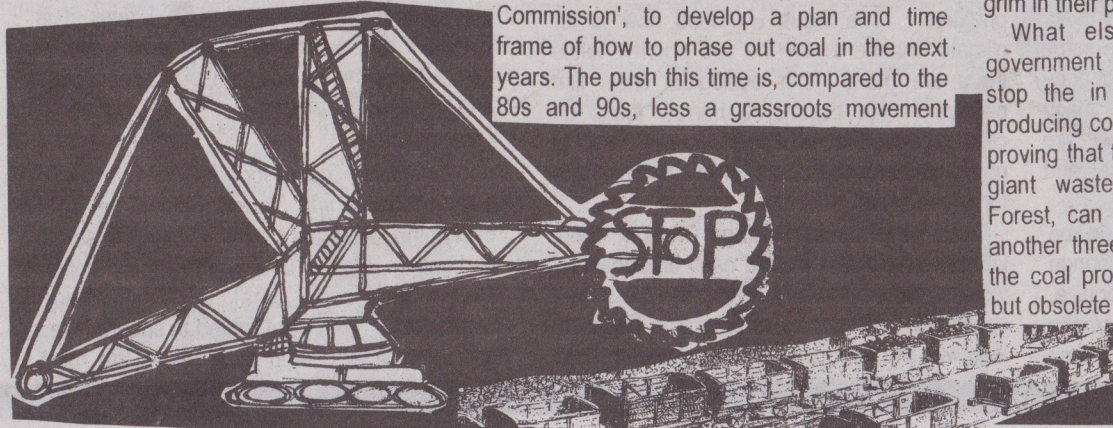
Here are my impressions (written in late September 2018) from my visit at the Hambacher Forest, the oldest still existing piece of ancient forest in Europe. It is also one of the sites of a 30 year battle of the environmental movement against the fossil fuel industry and for social justice.

Here, after the last glaciers melted about 10,000 years ago, a rich and fertile soil gave life to a growing and recreating web of plants and creatures, powerful and insecure, solid and fragile, in a constant, still ongoing process of changing, destabilizing, and balancing, fighting for light and growing out of decay.

There needn't be a halt to this process of life and death, of building up layers on top of the earth's hidden treasures. Unfortunately underneath my feet, deep down, the ancient

ice formed thick brownish layers of lignite (brown coal, bituminous coal or soft coal). My ancestors discovered this hidden treasure and started to pull more and more of the brown gold into daylight. They had figured out that they could burn this lignite. And they got more and more hungry for the warmth, the energy, its possibilities: The possibility of the industrial revolution! Now we desperately need another 'revolution': Coal phase-out now!

A few steps out of the forest I'm once again facing our collectively created reality. I see an enormous wasteland that stretches to the horizon, the forest gone and the topsoil stripped away to expose the lignite. And at the distant edge of this nightmare thick yellow smoke wafts into the air out of several power plant towers. This vast, lifeless moonscape takes my breath away and I notice I am shivering.



against fossil fuel extraction (climate destabilization) and for forest protection (climate stabilization), because the forest here 'protects' the fossil fuels from our exploitive hands.

In 2012 environmentalists started to occupy the forest, building artful tree houses connecting them with bridges to little 'villages' and founded a community.

The biggest German environmental organization, BUND (Friends of the Earth), is fighting alongside the Hambacher Forest protectors. Since years this NGO is battling in front of the courts for a 'Stop' of the clear-cutting of the Hambacher Forest to protect the unique biosphere and an endangered species of bats in particular. The cutting was stopped for the 2017/2018 deforestation season (October till March) due to a court decision and when I was visiting in September a new court decision was still pending and the cutting season was about to begin in less than two weeks!

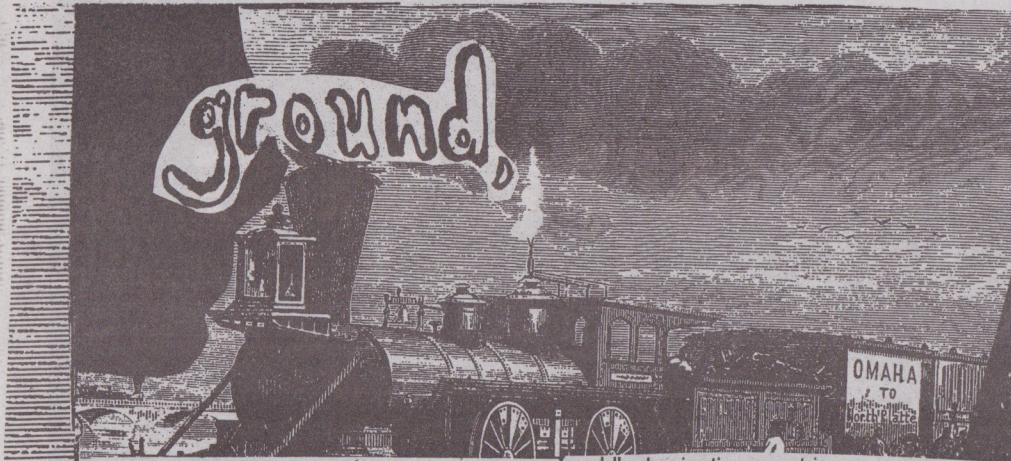
Germany is, despite its image as one of the most ecologically concerned countries, the largest producer of brown coal (lignite) in the world! And right now 30% of German's energy production is from coal. And this coal is responsible for over 80% of the emissions in the power producing sector.

A new push towards clean(er) energy in Germany forced the government to install an advisory commission (members of industry, labor unions, climate scientists, economists and members of environmental organizations, including the BUND), the so-called 'Coal Commission', to develop a plan and time frame of how to phase out coal in the next years. The push this time is, compared to the 80s and 90s, less a grassroots movement

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people out here for the 'forest walk' on this mild and sunny September day. It's a game of time. RWE is not allowed to cut further trees down as long as the court decision (see above) is still pending. But they're masking the eviction of the tree houses as 'clearing' the forest to prepare for the cutting (that might never happen!). In the late summer of 2018 RWE hired 'forest cleaners'. They met a constantly growing group of protesters. Each weekend new barricades were built on the roads and around the tree houses and each week the 'cleaners' came in, facing more and more defenders. RWE asked for 'police protection' for the eviction of the tree houses. Tensions escalated when journalist Steffen Meyn lost his life while documenting the 'cleaning raids'. He fell from one of the suspension bridges close to a tree house that was about to be evicted. His death was used by authorities and the media to criminalize and vilify the tree-protectors and supporters. Two weeks later his death feels a like a sacrifice to me. Each week(end) the resistance is growing, more people, all ages and from different socioeconomic backgrounds, are coming out into the forest and are serious, grim in their protest.

What else has to happen that the government pulls the legislative 'trigger' to stop the in all ways deadly coal energy producing corporations?!? While scientists are proving that the existing coal mining area, the giant wasteland next to the Hambacher Forest, can serve the coal power plants for another three years (and further extension of the coal production is not only unnecessary but obsolete with coal-phase-out on the way!),



the coal commission is still taking its sweet time.

Of course I'm also aware that the Hambacher Forest is a symbol and a tiny part of the complex question of stopping coal production, fossil fuel use, constant population and economic growth, etc. and how to restructure (or destructure?) our industrialized societies in the time of 'climate emergency'.

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world's dominating countries.

There was one serious drop in emissions since 1990, worldwide, not only in Germany. And that was in 2009, after the 'economic crisis' hit at the end of 2008. Lesser production had an instant impact and illustrates our core involvement: consumption and the myth of constant economic growth.

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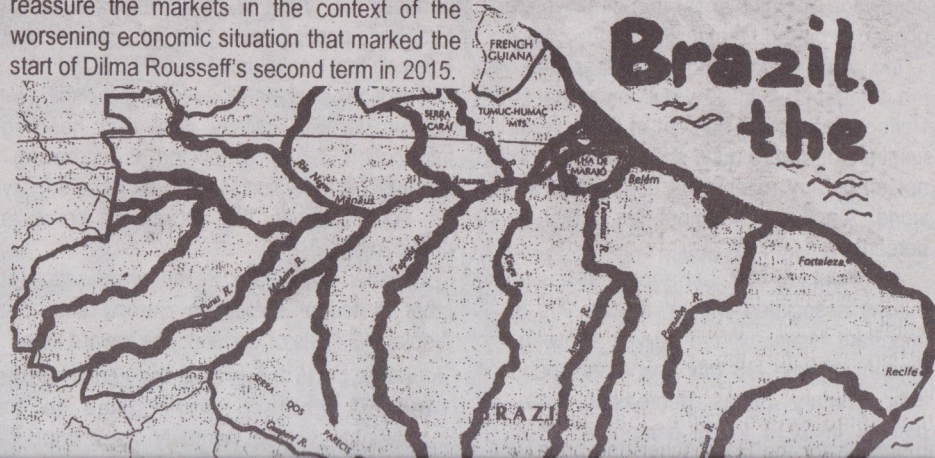
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the big picture of the far right victory in Brazil and why progressives everywhere should pay attention

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address the country's secular legacy of inequality other than through very gradual, market-friendly policies.

In 2013, the country was suddenly gripped by a massive surge of social struggle. The country's working youth demanded free public transportation and more investment in the public health and education systems rather than in football stadiums and costly mega-event infrastructure. At the same time, a record number of strikes indicated that the gradual pace of social change favored by the government was vastly out of touch with what the more active segments of the youth and working population were expecting. Significantly, the massive demonstrations led by social movements and small leftist parties, on the one hand, and the strike wave, on the other, were parallel phenomena that only rarely converged. This rekindling of protest went, however, entirely unheeded by a Workers' Party government seeking to reassure the markets in the context of the worsening economic situation that marked the start of Dilma Rousseff's second term in 2015.



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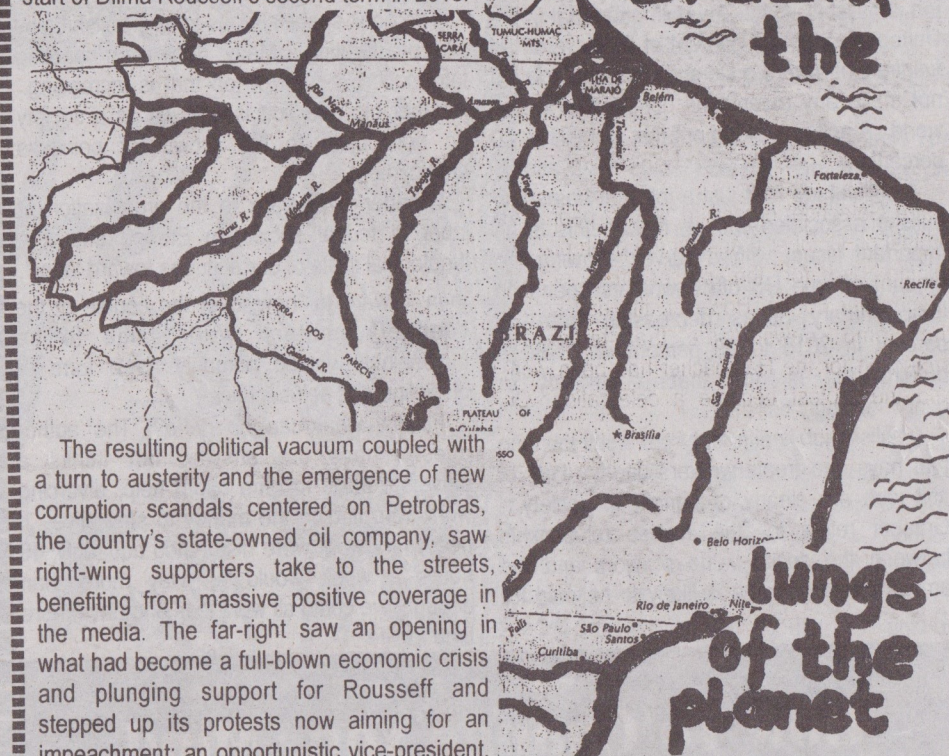
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The resulting political vacuum coupled with a turn to austerity and the emergence of new corruption scandals centered on Petrobras, the country's state-owned oil company, saw right-wing supporters take to the streets, benefiting from massive positive coverage in the media. The far-right saw an opening in what had become a full-blown economic crisis and plunging support for Rousseff and stepped up its protests now aiming for an impeachment; an opportunistic vice-president, Michel Temer, offered the private sector a combination of austerity and neoliberal reforms the Workers' Party would never be able to deliver thus sealing the fate of Dilma Rousseff, despite her never being directly tied to corruption scandals.

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victory in the 2018 election. His arrest and consequent removal from the presidential race led to a desperate campaign by all progressive segments of the electorate in favor of the moderate former mayor of São Paulo, Fernando Haddad. Significantly, the women's movement built by far the leading force in the opposition to Bolsonaro during the campaign, holding several massive

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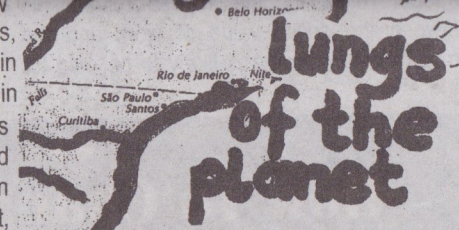
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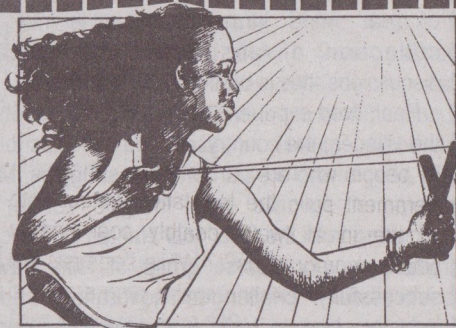
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Help us organize for 2020

Once we get returns from stores in February, we'll be giving away bulk quantities to organizations that distribute them to prisoners, immigrants, homeless people, or others who wouldn't otherwise have access. Contact us if you want to participate.

The Slingshot Organizer smartphone app is available but we need help publicizing it. Tell your friends. Right now it only works on Android phones, but we think there may be an iPhone version available in 2019.

Slingshot continues to receive many emails asking us to remove particular people from the organizer because they were alleged sexual abusers, racist, sexist or homophobic etc. While we don't want to promote harmful people, it isn't always clear that the answer is to write people out of history who have made important contributions to collective liberation despite their flaws. We edit the list of historical dates every year so if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

Thanks if you purchased a 2019 *Slingshot Organizer* — selling them is how we pay to publish this paper.

If you want to help draw art or otherwise create the 2020 Organizer, contact us now. We include the work of over 30 artists from all over the US and internationally in each

organizer — it could be you this year. The schedule this year is:

- Edit and add more historical dates (May and June)
- Update radical contact list (June and July)
- Make art for the calendar starting June 24 with all art due July 25.
- Make the organizer July 27/28 and August 3/4.

book reviews



Bullshit Jobs

By David Graeber. Published by Simon & Schuster (May 2018), 368 pages, available online January 2018

Review By Stuart

Bullshit Jobs, by David Graeber, professor of anthropology at the London School of Economics, delighted me with its clear thought on an issue I hadn't read about.

"A bullshit job is a form of paid employment that is so completely pointless, unnecessary, or pernicious that even the employee cannot justify its existence even though, as part of the conditions of employment, the employee feels obliged to pretend that this is not the case."

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Some categories of bullshit jobs are: flunkies (who make other people look or feel important), goons (aggressive but not necessarily physically), duct tapers (who get around a problem that ought not to exist), box tickers (who allow an organization to claim to do something it isn't in fact doing), and taskmasters (either unnecessary superiors, the opposite of flunkies; or those whose primary role is to manage bullshit tasks or jobs for others).

People with bullshit jobs are typically unhappy in them, often deeply. One of Graeber's poetic headings is "on the misery of knowing that one is doing harm".

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Unfuck Your Brain: Using Science to Get Over Anxiety, Depression, Anger, Freak-outs, and Triggers

By Faith G. Harper, 2017, Microcosm Publishing

Review by Kathy Labriola, Counselor/Nurse

"Dr. Faith" is a psychologist in private practice in San Antonio, Texas. She initially wrote a bunch of terrific self-help zines for people struggling with depression, anxiety, and/or addiction. These zines were eagerly utilized by lots of people in radical political scenes, and many found their way around the country. They were published as a series by Microcosm Publishing in Portland, Oregon, who eventually persuaded Dr. Faith to expand them into a book, which became "Unfuck your Brain." And she has written quite a few new zines, on a broad range of useful topics: masturbation, coping skills, sex and relationships, "adulting," PTSD, developing healthy boundaries, "woke parenting," BDSM, and more.

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programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as harm reduction and other non-traditional approaches to substance abuse and compulsive behaviors.

Some of the problem-solving approaches she suggests are self-care strategies, including getting more exercise, eating nutritious food, sleeping, playing music, spending time in nature and with supportive friends, and mindfulness techniques like meditation. Others include anti-depressants and anti-anxiety drugs, herbal medicines, counseling, recovery group meetings, and alternative healing techniques such as harm reduction, acupuncture, and Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT).

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Finally, what can be done? The author doesn't have the answer, but thinks a universal basic income might help, divorcing work from finding the money to stay alive. If necessary work were distributed equitably, 40 hours a week would be way more than enough; we could all work less and have more time for life.

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The book starts with a comprehensive but very accessible description of how human brains work, and how trauma and other problems affect how our brains function, or more accurately, how they malfunction. Each chapter discusses a different issue, such as anger, grief, addiction, depression, and anxiety. You gotta love the chapter headings, including "Why is my brain such a big hot mess?" and "The Asshole Amygdala" (that part of your brain that turns memories into emotions and creates trauma-related triggers; among other things), "Take Action: Name that Bastard!" "Am I just in a bad mood, or do you suck?" and "The Platitude Bullshit People Say that Doesn't Help." In each chapter, she explains what is going on in your brain with each specific problem, and then provides advice on various approaches to help people feel better as quickly as possible.

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By Michael Pollan (2018), A Perigree Book/Penguin Group

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Fighting for Spaces, Fighting for Our Lives: Squatting Movements Today

Squatting Everywhere Collective (SqE) Edition Assemblage 2018

Rudolf-Diesel-Str. 37, D - 48157 Münster

Review by dj dio

This book is 356 pages long and contains 30 different authors writing on 30 different situations around the world. What unites these stories is the underlying question: "Who has a right to be where and who gets to decide?". There is no more central social question in our modern times and these authors address this question directly and indirectly from many different angles. What makes this book very

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But the book is most interesting in its explorations of psychedelics by healthy people to gain insights into the nature of reality, the centrality of love, and the roots of spirituality. Throughout the book, Pollan reports that people who took high-dose, ego dissolving psychedelics found the trip to be amongst the most meaningful experiences of their lives. Many changed their lives after the drugs wore off.

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In October, the FDA gave "breakthrough therapy" designation to a psilocybin-based drug being tested to treat depression. The designation means there will be an accelerated research and approval process for the drug because there was strong evidence showing it would be a substantial improvement over currently available therapies.

I hope Pollan's book helps revive widespread acceptance and use of psychedelics as well as legalization. With the world stuck on so many issues — unable to urgently respond to the climate crisis, unable to address increasing wealth inequality, losing cohesion and tolerance — now is an excellent time for new inspiration and deeply-felt appreciation of the unity we all share as life forms on a fragile world.

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The book starts with a comprehensive but very accessible description of how human brains work, and how trauma and other problems affect how our brains function, or more accurately, how they malfunction. Each chapter discusses a different issue, such as anger, grief, addiction, depression, and anxiety. You gotta love the chapter headings, including "Why is my brain such a big hot mess?" and "The Asshole Amygdala" (that part of your brain that turns memories into emotions and creates trauma-related triggers; among other things), "Take Action: Name that Bastard!" "Am I just in a bad mood, or do you suck?" and "The Platitude Bullshit People Say that Doesn't Help." In each chapter, she explains what is going on in your brain with each specific problem, and then provides advice on various approaches to help people feel better as quickly as possible.

The section on Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) provides the best explanation I have ever seen of this debilitating condition. Even more importantly, it describes effective and innovative strategies for reducing these painful and exhausting symptoms, and becoming calmer and more functional.

The section on addiction is refreshingly devoid of judgement and the usual shaming of the addict. And Dr. Faith provides a very balanced assessment of abstinence-based

encourages each person to find their own path to healing.



Fighting for Spaces, Fighting for Our Lives: Squatting Movements Today

Squatting Everywhere Collective (Sqek) Edition Assemblage 2018

Rudolf-Diesel-Str. 37, D - 48157 Münster

Review by dj dio

This book is 356 pages long and contains 30 different authors writing on 30 different situations around the world. What unites these stories is the underlying question: "Who has a right to be where and who gets to decide?". There is no more central social question in our modern times and these authors address this question directly and indirectly from many different angles. What makes this book very readable is that the answers come in the form of anecdotes and histories from a wide variety of real world struggles.....this is not a collection of abstracted theoretical discussions, this is on-the-ground praxis!

Real, lived experiences from the city streets, the villages, the countryside and the wilds told by people who are part of these struggles. My personal favorite was Margot Verdier's reporting from the ZAD near Nantes in France where a very diverse group of folks have successfully challenged government and industry plans to build (yet another fucking) airport. Replete with victories, losses and lessons learned, you will find no references to 401K plans here! Read this book if you want to open your mind up to something other than cynical, individualistic survival strategies for the coming zombie capitalocalypse. You will be inspired!





Compiled by Jesse D. Palmer

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An anarchist, feminist squat. 1450 S Avers Ave. Chicago, IL 60623 773-322-5562

People's Harm Reduction Alliance – Seattle WA

A peer-run harm reduction organization that does needle exchange, hep-c testing and provides other services at a variety of locations. Headquarters at 1415 N.E. 43rd St. Seattle, WA 98105 206-330-5777
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Infocentrum Salé – Prague, Czech Republic

An anarchist community center that hosts workshops, presentations, screenings and meetings with a radical library and archive. Named after the Salé pirate colony in Morocco, which was an economically, politically, and intellectually independent territory for decades that was a base for subversive activities. Open Monday to Thursday. From 4 pm to 10 pm. Orebtska 14, Praha 3, 130 00, Czech Republic, sale(at)riseup.net, sale.451.cz

Tři ocásci – Brno, Czech Republic

A co-op owned fair trade café and vegan bakery supporting human rights and civil society. třída Kpt. Jarose 1935/18, Brno 602 00 Czech Republic, info@triocasci.cz triocasci.cz 775 702 778

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Dear diary zine fest - Humanist Hall 390 27th St., Oakland CA

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El Rio Best of the (film) Fest Fundraiser - outdoor screening of short films - \$20 donation 3158 Mission St SF

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Panel Discussion of People's Park - meet at Sproul Steps UCB

March 3 • 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Marx's Das Kapital discussion group - 1st Sunday of each month
6501 Telegraph Ave. Oakland icssmarx.org

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International Women's Day

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East Bay Bike Party - at a BART station to be announced

March 9 • 6 am - midnight
KPFA celebrates International Women's Day with special programming for 18 hours. Tune in to 94.1FM or kpfa.org

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Party for 31 years of Slingshot publishing - Long Haul - 3124 Shattuck, Berkeley slingshotcollective.org

March 16 - 20
Forest defense training camp in the Mattole watershed, CA (see page 3) efhum@riseup.net

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Slingshot article brainstorm & new volunteer meeting to kick-off work on issue #129 - 3124 Shattuck, Berkeley

March 27 • 7:30
Shaping SF public talk: Sea level rise: Pacific ocean and the Bay Area 518 Valencia St. SF shapingsf.org/public-talks

March 31
NYC Feminist Zine Fest feministzinefestnyc.com

April 6 - 7
New Orleans Comics and Zine Fest nocazfest.com

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50th Anniversary People's Park Exhibition Berkeley History Center 1931 Center St. Berkeley berkeleyhistoricalsociety.org

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Montreal Anarchist Bookfair - 2515 rue Delisle and 2450 rue Workman anarchistbookfair.ca

May 26
Los Angeles Zine Fest @ Helms Bakery

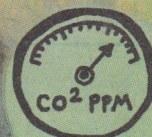
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New York Anarchist Book Fair - 55 Washington Square South anarchistbookfair.net

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Zinecinatti zine fest - Cincinnati, OH zinecinatti.com

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